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## PREFACE.

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THESE extracts from the Letters and Diary of my great-great-uncle, John Rowe, are printed, because it seemed that such valuable records of life in Boston nearly one hundred and fifty years ago, ought to be put beyond the possibility of loss; and also, that they might interest a larger public, than that which listened to M<sup>r</sup> Pierce's paper, and the very few who have had the privilege of reading the original manuscript.

Exeter Place called for his early home in England, Rowe Place and Rowe's Wharf, bring his name down to the Boston of to-day, and there are many living who remember Rowe Street, and the last of Rowe's Pasture.

I wish to thank D<sup>r</sup> Joseph Rowe Webster, M<sup>r</sup> C. W. Amory, M<sup>rs</sup> Charles Amory, Miss Sutermeister, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Houghton, Mifflin & Co. for permission to copy photographs of family portraits and houses, and the Massachusetts Historical Society for allowing me to reprint from their "Proceedings" parts of M<sup>r</sup> Pierce's paper, all of which add greatly to the value of the book.

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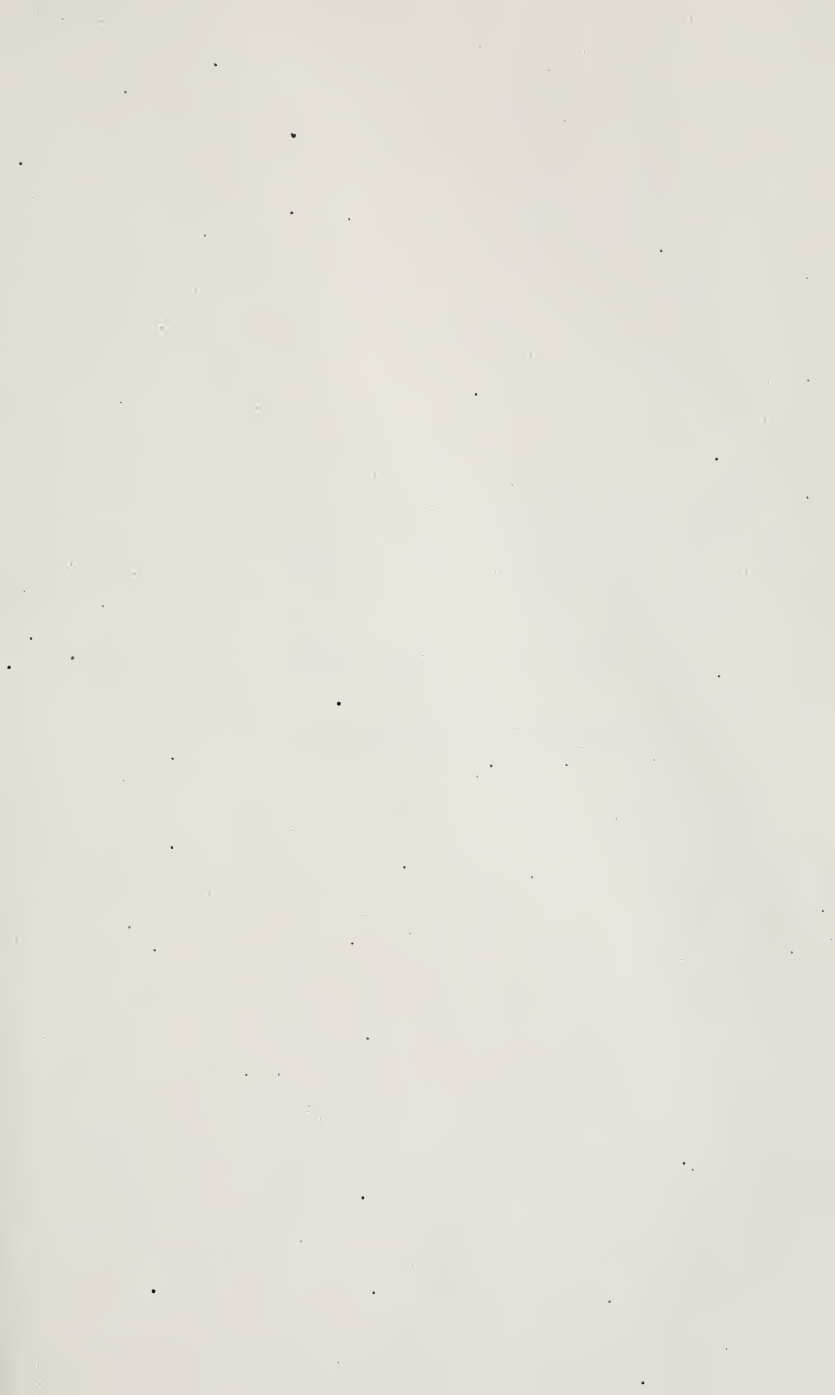
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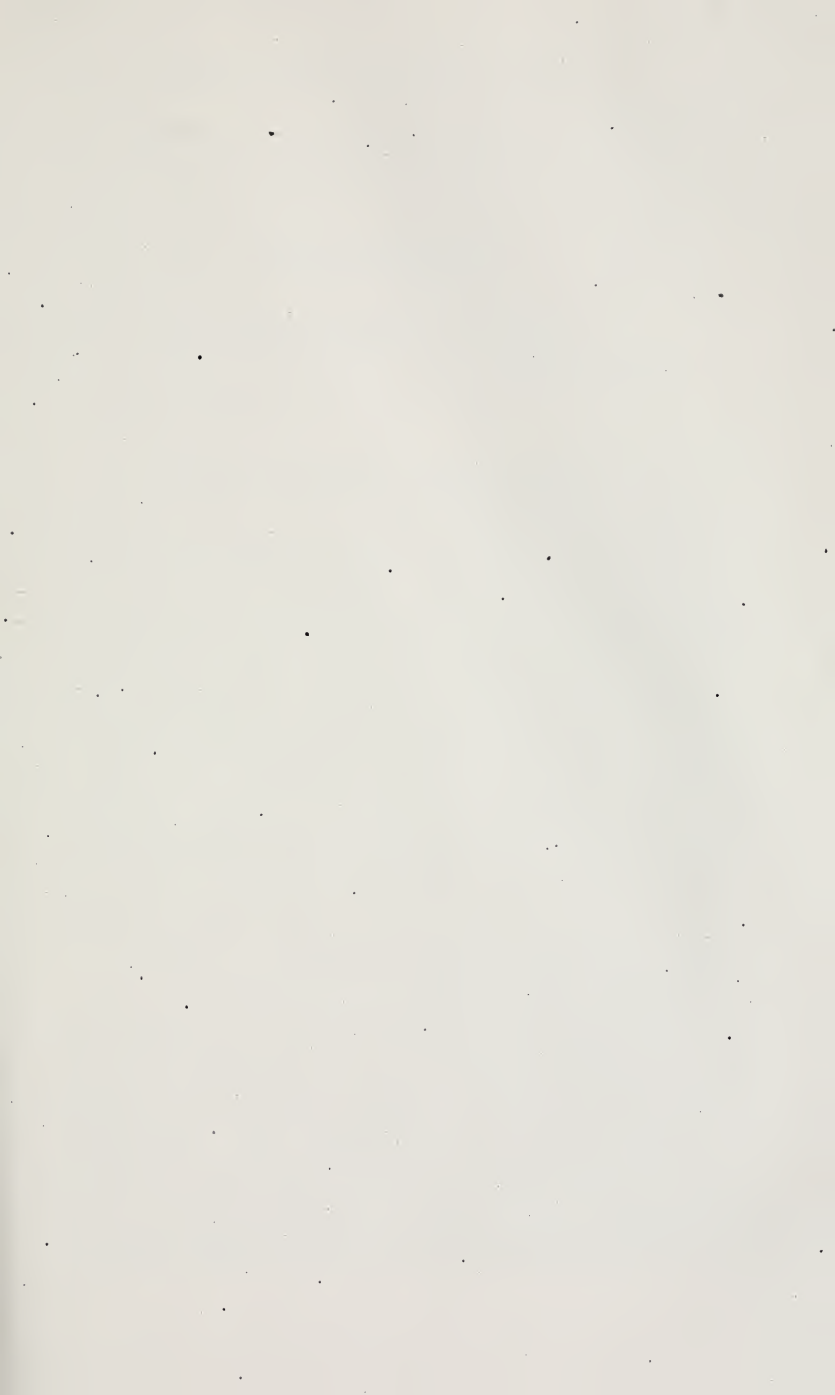
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# INTRODUCTION

PARTS OF A PAPER WRITTEN BY

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THE Diary of John Rowe, a Boston merchant, includes the period from Sept. 8, 1764, to July 15, 1779, with three breaks in it,—one from Aug. 17, 1765, to April 10, 1766, another from June 1, 1775, to December 24 of the same year, and the third from Nov. 19, 1776, to Aug. 12, 1778. The missing volume which makes the second break was, according to his memorandum in the next volume, “misaid or taken out of his store”; the other two breaks are supposed to have occurred since his death. The Diary is paged continuously, the last page being numbered 2493; and as this page completes a volume, it is likely that later volumes have disappeared.

At the time Rowe's Diary begins,—in September, 1764,—the British government was just putting in force its scheme of taxing the Colonies for the purpose as avowed of “defraying the expenses of defending, protecting, and securing the same.” The Sugar Act, which imposed duties not only on sugar and molasses but on other articles hitherto exempt,

had been passed the previous spring. Otis's pamphlet on "The Rights of the British Colonies asserted and proved" had been issued. In May and during the summer and autumn, protests against the new policy were being made by the Boston town-meeting and the General Court. The Stamp Act was to follow the Sugar Act in less than a twelve-month. Rowe's Diary thus opens at the initial stage of the Revolution.

The Diary comprises the period of the imposition of the new and hated taxes, the passage and repeal of the Stamp Act, the Boston massacre, the throwing overboard of the tea, the beginning of civil war at Lexington and Concord, the siege of Boston, the evacuation by the British troops, and the visit of the French fleet to the town. The battle of Bunker Hill occurred during the period included in a lost volume.

Boston was, at the period covered by the Diary, a town of sixteen thousand inhabitants,—about the present population of Northampton, or Quincy, in this State, and Concord, New Hampshire, or Burlington, Vermont.

John Rowe was born in Exeter England Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> (Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> Old Style) 1715 died in Boston Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1787. He was the oldest of the eleven children of Joseph & Mary (possibly Hawker) Rowe & grandson of Oliver Rowe, Clerk, who in his will dated 25<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1706, leaves all his lands to his "eldest son John & his Heirs forever." Three of the sons of Joseph & Mary Rowe emigrated to America, John, Jacob and W<sup>m</sup> Syntal. "John was

here as early as 1736, when he was only twenty one years old, as he purchased that year a warehouse on Long Wharf. This early purchase indicates that he brought considerable means with him; and besides he continued to own property in his native city till his death, bequeathing it to the sons of his brother Joseph who remained behind." Jacob came to America some seven years later as we learn from a letter of their sister Rebecca (Rowe) Robins dated "Exon June 1<sup>st</sup> 1784." Writing to Jacob, but referring to John, she says "What a pleasure would it be to see a Bro. after seven & forty year"! & adds "You have been wanting forty year." In a much earlier letter before her marriage dated "Exon Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 1751" she writes "In our early days we were indeed blest beyond measure. But then how soon was it blasted. I never, I thank God, set my mind on Riches." W<sup>m</sup> Syntal Rowe came to Boston in 1749 or 50 but only remained on a visit to his brothers, sailing thence to Oporto where he went into business. Jacob moved later to Quebec & became asst. commissary-general. After his brother John's death he returned to Boston. His descendants, through his son John, the "Jack" of the Diary are the only members of the family known to be in this country.

John Rowe and his wife were doubtless buried (though no record of interment is preserved) in his vault under the first Trinity Church, a wooden building; and the vault is not supposed to have been disturbed by the subsequent construction of

the stone edifice. The vaults were being cleared at the time of the fire of 1872; and the remains found in Rowe's are probably among the "unknown" which were then removed to the Trinity Church tomb in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

John Rowe was married in 1743 to Hannah Speakman, who survived him eighteen years, dying July 9, 1805, at the age of eighty.<sup>1</sup> Her sister was the first wife of Ralph Inman, the Cambridge Loyalist, with whose family Rowe continued always to be very intimate. The sisters are said to have been twins. Rowe bought in 1764 the estate on the north side of Pond Lane, now Bedford Street, where he lived till his death, and where his widow remained till her death. The year after his purchase he pulled down the house he found standing there on the north side of the lane, and built a new one, into which he moved Oct. 16, 1766. This house with grounds about it was sold in 1817 by Rowe's heirs to Judge William Prescott;<sup>2</sup> and here he and his son the historian lived. It was demolished in 1845. Rowe owned a considerable tract, measuring nearly three acres, known as "Rowe's Pasture." Without attempting to define its limits accurately, it may be said in a general way that it extended from Bedford Street to Essex Street, with Washington (then Newbury) and Kingston streets as western and eastern limits, not,

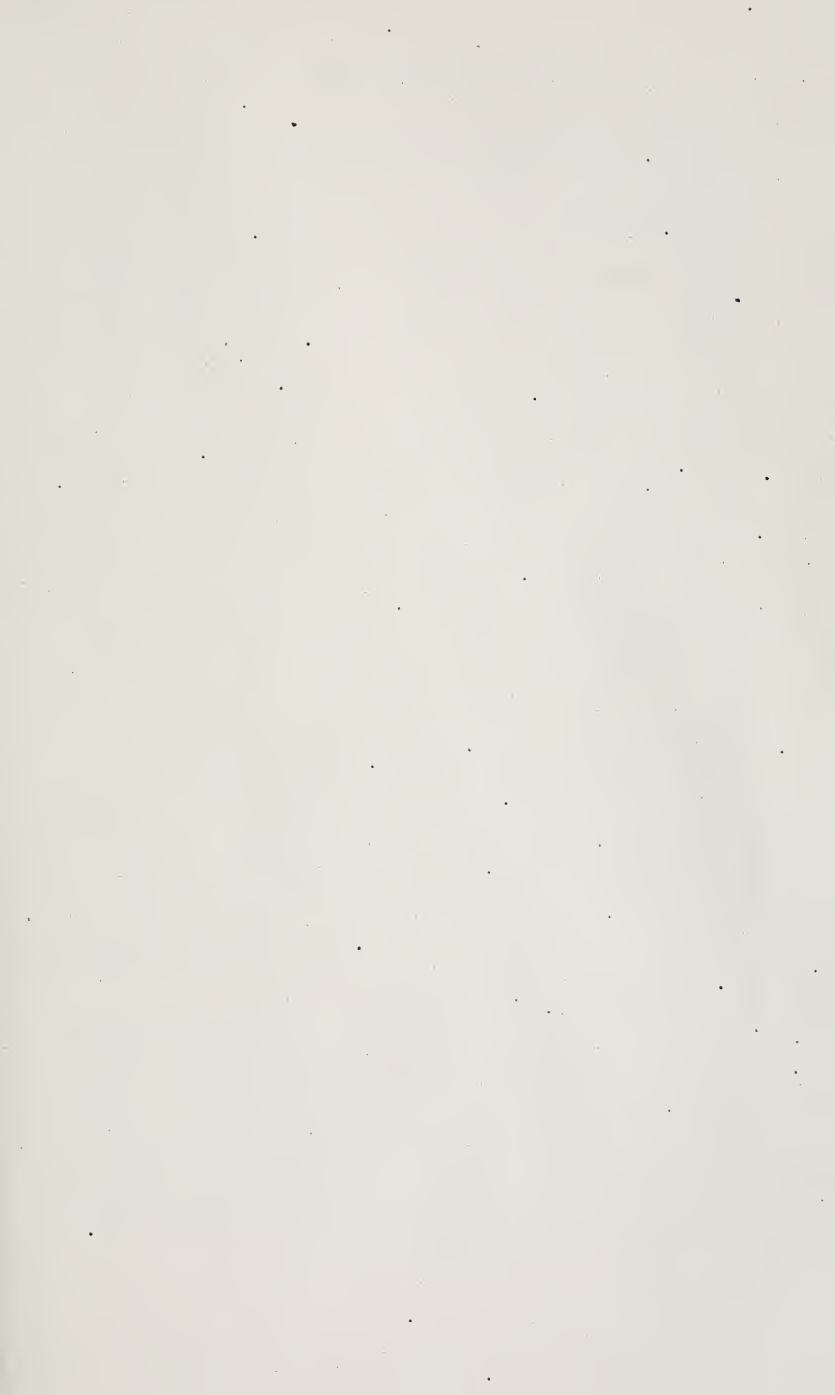
<sup>1</sup> A portrait of Mrs. Rowe is in the possession of Mrs. Charles Amory, Jr., of Boston.

<sup>2</sup> Shurtleff's *Topographical and Historical Description of Boston*, p. 409.



MRS. ROWE





however, touching Washington Street at any point, and small lots belonging to other people perhaps jutting in here and there. On this ample tract he raised, as his Diary shows, crops of hay and vegetables, and pastured sheep and cattle. He owned houses and lots on the south side of Essex Street as well as in other parts of the town; and one of his wharves still bears his name. He owned property in other towns,—Dighton, Plymouth, Malden, Medford, Gloucester, Milton, Hardwick, Stoughton, Grafton, Shelburne, Deerfield, and also in Hartford and Woodstock, Connecticut.

Rowe became one of the foremost merchants of Boston. The "Massachusetts Centinel," in noting his death, calls him "an eminent merchant of this place." John Adams<sup>1</sup> names him among the very rich men with whom he had been acquainted in the way of business, placing him among those who had acquired wealth by their own industry,—unlike Hancock, Bowdoin, and Pitts, who had acquired it by descent or marriage. His ships traversed the ocean, and ran along the coast. One of them carried Josiah Quincy, Jr., to Charleston, South Carolina, in February, 1773.

His imported merchandise was miscellaneous, meeting the wants of the people of that day. We get glimpses of what it was here and there. On May 31, 1765, his "warehouse fell in with fish." He dealt largely in salt. On July 3, 1767, a quantity of silk stockings, ribbons, Spanish silk,

<sup>1</sup> Works, ii. 296.

and Indian and English taffetys were stolen at night from his store. The British troops, when evacuating Boston in March, 1776, took from him "linens, checks, cloths, and woollens," goods of the value of 2260 pounds sterling. Mrs. Commodore Hood visited his store, Dec. 8, 1768, and bought twenty-four yards of superfine silk.

A vessel (probably Rowe's) arrives, July 22, 1767, from Madeira with seventy pipes of wine. Governor Hutchinson's accounts<sup>1</sup> show a purchase, July 19, 1770, of Rowe of a quarter cask of port-wine for eight pounds. He was the owner of one of the tea-ships, though in history less is said of his cargo than of Francis Rotch's, which arriving first was the first to be dealt with. Until the conflict between the Colonies and the mother country became one of force, he was largely purveyor for the English fleet, which was rarely absent altogether from the harbor. He was one of the Proprietors of Long Wharf, — that ancient corporation in which leading merchants like Hancock, Winslow, Oliver, Wells, and Boutineau were shareholders. He was also one of the Proprietors of Point Shirley.

Rowe's sentiments in relation to the controversy with Great Britain were those of a moderate, holding in this respect the same position as that of his relatives, intimate friends, and the mass of his fellow-merchants. He was a public-spirited citizen, and wished well to his town and colony, no one more so. He was as strongly opposed as any to the new

<sup>1</sup> Diary and Letters, i. 77.

restrictions on trade which the parent country had put in force, and generally he was not in sympathy with its repressive policy.<sup>1</sup> He served on committees appointed by the town or by merchants to set forth the grievances of the Colony, sometimes willingly and sometimes not so willingly. He was a member of a committee, Sept. 18, 1765 (Otis, chairman), to express the thanks of the town to Conway and Barré for "their noble, generous, and patriotick speeches" in Parliament, and served on similar committees, April 21, 1766, Dec. 4, 1767, and March 14, 1768, — the last being appointed for a recognition of John Dickinson's "Farmer's Letters." He served on a committee, Dec. 18, 1765 (Samuel Adams, chairman), to protest against the shutting up of the courts; on committees, Nov. 20, Dec. 17 and 21, 1767, and June 15 and 17, 1768, to instruct the representatives; on a committee, Oct. 28, 1767, of which he was chairman, to prevent importations, particularly of foreign superfluities, and encourage domestic produce and manufactures; on a large committee, June 14, 1768, to wait on Governor Bernard with a petition for the redress of grievances; and on a committee, September 12 of the same year, to wait on the Governor and inquire as to the reported coming of troops to Boston, and to recommend measures required in the emergency. He signed, Sept. 14, 1768, as one of the selectmen, an address

<sup>1</sup>S. G. Drake, in his "History of Boston," p. 657, states Rowe's signature to a petition to the General Court as early as Dec. 17, 1760, charging the Crown officers with appropriating to their own use money derived from forfeitures.

to other towns, protesting against Bernard's dissolving the General Court and against the taxes levied by Parliament. He was chairman of a committee, in June, 1779, to fix the prices of merchandise, and to bring to punishment offenders against the Act prohibiting monopolies and forestalling.<sup>1</sup> As chairman of a merchants' committee, he signed, June 22, 1779, in its behalf a communication to Congress, testifying their patriotic devotion, and reprobating the attempt of "sordid and unprincipled wretches" to depreciate the paper currency by which independence had been almost secured, and "to force a currency of gold and silver on its ruins." This document also expresses "anxiety for the security of that important staple, the fishery," as the main support of the future commerce of the Northern States. Congress, on receiving the petition, passed a resolution of thanks, July 27, 1779, which was communicated to the committee by Elbridge Gerry, James Lovell, and Samuel Holten, then members from Massachusetts.

Rowe, however, while considering the conduct of the British government impolitic and harsh, was indisposed to carry opposition beyond argument, appeal, and protest; and at no time did he favor measures looking to forcible resistance and independence. His position is misconceived when he is classed with the "Patriots,"—the party who supported separation from the mother country, and had in view the use of force outside of law to pro-

<sup>1</sup> Independent Chronicle, June 24, 1779.

mote that end.<sup>1</sup> He did not join the patriotic exodus from Boston when the siege began, preferring to remain in order to protect his property.<sup>2</sup> This may have counted against him with the Patriots; for when after the British evacuation he proposed to join in the ceremonies for the interment of Dr. Warren, a brother Mason, he encountered rude treatment from the populace, and found it prudent to withdraw. His close relations with the family of Captain John Linzee, an English navy officer, must have made him an object of suspicion. The popular feeling was, however, soothed in time by his amiable manners, the good offices he freely distributed among his townsmen, his active service on a relief committee, and his general usefulness as a citizen; so that before peace was reached he was elected a representative to the General Court. The looting and pillaging attending the close of the British occupation, in which he was a sufferer, must have sensibly cooled his attachment to the country of his birth.

The words "who knows how tea will mingle with

<sup>1</sup> This error is found in Frothingham's "Siege of Boston," p. 23; John Adams's Works, ii. 158, note; F. S. Drake's "Tea Leaves," p. 63. Gordon in his History, i. 209, says Rowe was "a merchant who had been active on the side of liberty in matters of trade,"—a statement which, limited to "matters of trade," is true enough. S. G. Drake's "History of Boston," p. 700, note, citing an anonymous memorandum, gives currency to the absurd imputation that Rowe led the mob in the assault on Hutchinson's house. Hutchinson himself may have thought (Diary and Letters, i. 67) that the class of merchants to whom Rowe belonged had stirred up violence against the Crown officers.

<sup>2</sup> He seems, however, to have applied, April 28, 1775, for a pass to go out with his effects, which was for some reason refused.

“salt water?” said to have been spoken by Rowe in the Old South Meeting House on the evening of Dec. 16, 1773, with a view to instigate the destruction of the tea, must, in the light of his Diary, be regarded as apochryphal.

Rowe was childless; but his house was well filled with young people,—his wife’s nephews the Speakmans, her nephew George Inman (and his cousin John Inman) and her nieces Sarah and Susanna Inman. The last-named was adopted by him, and called familiarly “Sucky” in his Diary.<sup>1</sup> Born March 23, 1754, she married, Sept. 1, 1772, at the age of eighteen, Captain John Linzee, then commanding the British warship “Beaver,” brother of Captain, afterward Rear-Admiral, Robert Linzee, and also of Admiral Samuel Hood’s wife.<sup>2</sup> He had been an *habitué* for three years at Rowe’s house, where she was living. Rowe was very fond of her, and the day after her marriage gave her husband written authority to draw on him every New Year’s Day for twenty pounds sterling; and his will, as well as his wife’s, provided liberally for her and her children. Three days after her wedding he records: “Capt.

<sup>1</sup> Sarah died, Sept. 14, 1773, after a brief illness. George’s career is elsewhere noted.

<sup>2</sup> Rowe’s Diary states that Robert and John were brothers. See also “The Dictionary of National [English] Biography” under “Samuel Hood, Admiral Viscount.” It should be mentioned, however, that the traditions of Captain John Linzee’s family do not agree with the statement of Rowe’s Diary that he was the brother of Admiral Robert Linzee.

The late William Amory, of Boston, owned the portraits of Captain John and Mrs. Linzee, his grandfather and grandmother, and also of Mrs. Linzee’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Inman; and they remain with the Amory family.



Linzee sailed this forenoon and carried my dear Sucky with him; I wish them happy together." Absent for nearly three years, they arrived in Boston Easter Sunday, April 16, 1775, in the "Falcon," which he was then commanding, bringing with them their first-born, Samuel Hood Linzee, the future admiral, born Dec. 27, 1773. Rowe brought the three to his house the same day. Linzee was just in time to take part in the first armed conflict of the Revolution. On April 19, 1775, Rowe records: "Capt. Linzee and Capt. Collins in two small armed vessels were ordered to bring off the troops to Boston, but Lord Percy and Generall Smith thought proper to encamp on Bunker Hill this night." The fact of this order has escaped the attention of historians. Linzee had also on the 20th an engagement with the American troops below Cambridge bridge.

Mrs. Linzee and her child remained for the next nine months with Rowe, or with her father then living in town,—her husband while active on duty being with her from time to time. He was at Rowe's house at dinner and for the evening on the day before and the day after the battle of Lexington, and was there each day till his next sailing, May 1, from Boston; and now and then till after the siege his presence at Rowe's house is recorded.<sup>1</sup> He commanded, June 19, the "Falcon," one of the six vessels which cannonaded the American works on

<sup>1</sup> Linzee's name appears as being at Rowe's April 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, Dec. 27, 28, 1775; Jan. 2, 7, 11, 14, 1776. Rowe's Diary from May 30, 1775, to Dec. 25, 1775, is missing.



Bunker Hill. He sailed, Jan. 20, 1776, in the "Falcon" for England, taking his wife, his son, and infant daughter Hannah, born in Boston, and also his brother-in-law George Inman. Later he commanded the "Pearl"; and after the war, as commander of the "Penelope," he was in Boston Harbor, Sept. 9, 1790, and applied to Governor Hancock for permission to enter the harbor with his ship, offering to fire a salute and expecting one in return. Hancock's answer is not known, but it was certainly one of consent; for it appears that the "Penelope" sailed from Boston, September 17, leaving, however, its commander behind, "lying very dangerously ill of a fever at his house in this town."<sup>1</sup> He recovered, and resumed his command. His wife with her children about this time made her way to Boston, and occupied a house on Essex Street, bequeathed to her by Rowe, subject to his wife's life estate, whence, according to a letter of her husband, still preserved,<sup>2</sup> there was an open walk across the field to Mrs. Rowe's house on Pond Lane. Linzee resigned his commission in 1791, and joined his wife in Boston. She died a year later, at the age of thirty-nine, the mother of nine children. He removed to Milton, to a house near the bridge over the Neponset River, where, according to tradition and Samuel Breck's "Recollections," he lived an eccentric and lonely life, dying, in 1798, at the age of fifty-six. His eldest son, the admiral, has de-

<sup>1</sup> Massachusetts Centinel, Sept. 18, 1790.

<sup>2</sup> Some of Captain Linzee's letters are in the possession of his grandson John W. Linzee, of Boston.

scendants in England, not however bearing his name. His other children remained in this country; and some of their descendants bearing his name live in or near Boston. From Captain Linzee's eldest daughter, born in Boston, descended a branch of the Boston Amorys, one of whom became the wife of William H. Prescott, grandson of Colonel William Prescott; and thus in the historian's descendants is united the blood of combatants on opposite sides on the memorable June 17, 1775. Their swords crossed are a possession of this Society. (Mass<sup>ts</sup> Hist. Society.)

After the marriage of Sucky Inman Mr. Rowe adopted Jack, son of his brother Jacob at Quebec & we quote some parts of a letter in which he announces the boy's arrival at Boston.

BOSTON, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1772

DR BROTHER,—The Beginning of last week Cap' Truman arriv'd here & Brought mee your favor of the 24<sup>th</sup> September—he also handed mee your son Jack who is very well & a Merry Smart little fellow. I shall take care of him & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe seems well pleased with him.

He is to go to School on Tuesday to M<sup>r</sup> Holbrooke I dont think to let him stay longer there than this winter but that will depend on Some Progreſs a Clergyman M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls is making in a New School.

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is now very well but has been Rather Dull in Parting with her niece Sucky Inman who is

married to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee, who commands the Beaver Man of Warr & is gone to England.

Our United Affection & Good Wishes attend you your Spouse & Family & you shall hear from mee from time to time Letting you know how Jack goes on &

I Remain yr affectionate Brother

& hum Serv

J Rowe

Jack went to Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls school at Salem and later (that school being broken up soon after the battle of Lexington) removed to the school of Rev. Phillips Payson at Chelsea.

Rowe held various trusts and offices. He was treasurer of the Charitable Society, and spent many evenings at its meetings. From 1750 (his connection with the order began some years earlier) till his death he held high offices in the Masonic fraternity, and in 1768 became Grand Master of the order in North America. The lodge in Boston suspended its regular meetings April 19, 1775, till it was called together in 1787 to attend his funeral; and a few months afterwards it resumed its sessions.

Rowe often served by the choice of town-meetings on important business committees (Aug. 26, 1765; Jan. 7, May 7, 1766); was once at least moderator (March 30, 1774); served as one of the fire-wards, whose meetings he often mentions; was sometimes overseer of the poor; and was selectman for the years 1766, 1767, and 1768, declining a

re-election in March, 1769. He was a candidate for Representative at the election in May, 1765, when he failed, receiving 238 votes,—James Otis, who was chosen, receiving 388, and the other successful candidates, Thacher, Cushing, and Gray, a still larger number. At the special election in September, 1765, for filling the vacancy caused by the death of Oxenbridge Thacher, there was no choice on the first ballot,—the vote being Samuel Adams 247, Rowe 137, John Ruddock 110, and John Hancock 40. Adams was chosen on the next ballot, and this was the beginning of his legislative career. The next May, Rowe, who had 309, was defeated by Hancock, who had 437,—Otis, Cushing, and Adams receiving each between six and seven hundred.<sup>1</sup> The story is, as told by Gordon in his History,<sup>2</sup> that Adams promoted the election of Hancock, saying, when Rowe's name was mentioned for the place, and pointing at the same time to Hancock's house, "Is there not another John that may do better?" This piece of gossip, which has been much copied,<sup>3</sup> is quite untrustworthy. It is not unlikely, however, that Adams threw his influence against Rowe, not thinking him earnest enough for the work in hand, or perhaps piqued by his rivalry at the special election. Rowe was again unsuccessful in 1767, when he received only 134

<sup>1</sup> Drake's "History of Boston," p. 719, is in error in stating Rowe's election at this time.

<sup>2</sup> I. 142.

<sup>3</sup> John Adams's Works, ii. 158, note; Wells's "Life of Samuel Adams," i. 119.

votes; and he was not afterwards a candidate for a considerable period. He was, however, chosen a member for the years 1780-1784. As a member in 1780 (being chosen also at the election in October), he took part in the inauguration of the State Constitution. He failed of a re-election in 1781, when there were several candidates, Samuel Adams heading the list; but Adams, already chosen a Senator, elected to go to the higher chamber, and at a special election (June 12) Rowe received 300 out of 394 votes cast.<sup>1</sup> Why Adams, chosen a Senator a few weeks before, was placed on the Representative ticket, particularly as his subsequent choice between the two offices shows that he did not wish to go to the House, is not easily understood.

Rowe was greatly interested in Trinity Church, connecting himself with it somewhere between 1741 and 1744,—probably in 1743, at the time of his marriage, when it was only eight years old.<sup>2</sup> Late in that year he bought pew 82, as appears by the records. His wife's relatives the Speakmans appear to have been connected with it from the first. The subscription list, open from 1741 to 1744 for its organ, bears his name with twenty pounds annexed to it. He was chosen a vestryman in 1760, and continued to be one till his death, except for one or two years (1776-1777), when he was warden. He became a communicant in 1766. He was from the

<sup>1</sup> Adams's biographer, Wells, does not refer to this double election, only mentioning his election as Senator.

<sup>2</sup> The manuscript records of Trinity Church have assisted in filling out the Diary as to Rowe's connection with it.

first a generous giver, and for most of the time of his connection with the church he contributed a larger sum to its funds than any one else. He was rarely absent from both Sunday services, except when ill, or troubled in spirit, or the barber failed to come; notes always the text, which he copies at length; follows closely the sermons, which he remarks upon as "very clever," "very elegant," "most excellent," "delightful," "sensible," "serious," "very polite," "pathetic and moving," "metaphysical," or "well delivered." He has much to say of parish affairs,—Mr. Banister's ejectment suit against the church (Dec. 31, 1764; Jan. 2, Feb. 18, March 19, 1765), being appointed (Jan. 6, 1765) on the church committee in relation to it; the cracking of the church's bell (March 6, 1774), which was given a few months later (October 2) to a sister church in Norwich, Conn.; the collections for the poor at Christmas (£400 8s., old tenor, Dec. 25, 1773); the raising of the minister's salary (April 5, 1765); the new organ in 1770 (October 5 and December 9); the proposed alteration of the church (July 26, 1772), as to which he regrets to see the gentlemen so indifferent; the convention of the Episcopal clergy (June 17, 1767); the death of Rev. William Hooper, who expired instantaneously in his garden, April 14, 1767, "to the great grief and sorrow of his people and the loss of his family," whom Rowe calls his own "most valuable and worthy and never to be forgotten friend"; and the contribution of £253 for "good Mrs. Hooper," May 13, 1770.

Rowe was the intimate friend of the successive ministers, Hooper, Walter, Parker, and of their families as well. Their evenings, particularly Sunday evenings, were often passed at his house. He "smoked a pipe," June 11, 1765, with Mr. Hooper. Mr. Parker, in recognition of his uniform kindness, named a son for him; and Rowe, in recognition of the friendship, bequeathed a legacy to the father and an estate on Pond Lane to the son, his namesake. He was a peacemaker, composing differences between ministers, as when Mr. Walter on one occasion took umbrage at some behavior of Mr. Hooper (July 13, 16, 1765). The clergy would have a sunnier life if all parishioners were as friendly critics of their sermons as was he,—when, for instance, he wrote, Aug. 15, 1773, "Mr. Walter shines more and more in his preaching," and, a week later, "he is so good a man that my pen cannot describe his virtues."

Now and then a stranger clergyman appears. On June 9, 1765, "The Rev. Mr. Cooper, President of the Colledge at New York, preached." The record for May 10, 1772, is, "Mr. Thompson of Scituate read prayers and preached [in the morning and the afternoon]. . . . Both these sermons were honestly designed but very lengthy."

Nearly a year after Mr. Hooper's death, April 4, 1768, Rev. William Walter was chosen unanimously his successor,<sup>1</sup> with a salary of 156 pounds sterling,

<sup>1</sup> The "Memorial History of Boston," iii. 128, implies an immediate succession. A. H. Chester's "Trinity Church," published in 1888, contains a similar error.



and a gratuity of 50 pounds sterling for the year to Mrs. Hooper.

Rowe took especial interest in the calling of new ministers, and a good voice seems to have been an essential requisite in a candidate. Dec. 7, 1777, a "young gentleman from Andover," who had been recommended for assistant, "read prayers in the church this morning to several of us that we might judge of his voice, and I think he has a pleasant and agreeable voice." Oct. 5, 1773, Rev. Samuel Parker of Portsmouth read several chapters privately in the church to "the gentlemen of the vestry" to show what his voice was. He was found to have "a good voice," and to read "with propriety"; "was much liked," and the wardens and vestry "were all of them for him" as assistant (October 7, 10). He sailed for England, Nov. 6, 1773, for ordination, and arrived home May 16, 1774. Rowe's record for May 22 is that he then "preached for the first time from 123<sup>d</sup> Psalm and the 1<sup>st</sup> verse a sensible, good discourse, and very well delivered for his first time of preaching."

The parting of the ways was at hand. Mr. Parker informed the wardens and vestry, July 18, 1776, that he could not with safety perform the entire service as before, that he was interrupted the previous Lord's Day when reading the prayers for the King, and that he had received threats of interruption and insult in case of a repetition, and was fearful of damage to the church; and he desired counsel and advice. The wardens and vestry decided (the pro-



prietors concurring), as the only alternative for shutting up the church, in view of the temper and spirit of the people, to request the minister to omit the part of the liturgy which related to the King; and Mr. Parker acted accordingly.

Mr. Walter left for England in 1776. The proprietors, April 10, 1776, invested Mr. Parker, the assistant minister, for one year with all the powers of incumbent minister. Three years afterwards they voted, June 13, 1779, after correspondence with Mr. Parker, that "the church has not an incumbent minister, 12 years, 4 days." Two of the proprietors, Colonel Hatch and Mr. Bethune, withdrew before the vote. A week later Mr. Parker was chosen incumbent minister at a salary of three pounds sterling a week; and after some reflection on the propriety of taking the place in view of his friendly relations with Mr. Walter, he accepted, July 25.<sup>1</sup> Some idea of the condition of the church shortly after the siege had ended may be had from Rowe's entry May 26, 1776: "Mr. Parker preached a well adapted and good discourse. I staid at the sacrament this day, about fifty communicants." The proprietors of King's Chapel proposed, April 4, 1776, in view of the financial difficulty in keeping both churches open, a united service at the Chapel for both churches, with Mr. Parker as the minister; but Trinity Church (Rowe being chairman of the committee) declined to suspend their own services.

<sup>1</sup> The "Memorial History of Boston," iii. 129, says that "Mr. Parker became rector soon after the war," which is not strictly correct. A. H. Chester's "Trinity Church," p. 11, has the same error.

Rowe, while a loyal Episcopalian, was observant of what was going on in other denominations, sometimes attending their special services, as the installation of Rev. Samuel Blair, in Dr. Sewall's Meeting House, Nov. 19, 1766, where Mr. Pemberton prayed and Mr. Blair preached; the ordination of Rev. Simeon Howard at the West Church, May 6, 1767, where Dr. Chauncy preached, and "before and after the ceremony there was an anthem sung"; the preaching of an Indian minister, Mr. Occum (Aug. 22, 1773), at Mr. Moorhead's, the Presbyterian church in Long Lane, afterwards Federal Street; the election sermon of Rev. Mr. Shute of Hingham (May 25, 1768),—"a very long sermon, being an hour and forty minutes." The entry July 9, 1766, is: "This morning about five of clock the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Mayhew died much lamented by great numbers of people." These seem to have been the best days of the Quakers in Boston, who had had a place of worship in the town for more than a hundred years. Rowe notes, July 21, 1769: "This afternoon Mrs. Rachel Willson, the famous Quaker preacher, preached in Faneuil Hall to at least twelve hundred people; she seems to be a woman of good understanding."

A very interesting religious event of this period in Massachusetts was the visit of the most renowned evangelist of modern times, George Whitefield. These were his last days; he was to sleep in the land he loved so well; and his sepulchre is where his voice was last heard calling sinners to repent-

ance. He came to us in the midst of great excitement on public affairs; and it is pleasant to think of him that our fathers had his sympathies, and that in the last letter he is known to have written, just a week before his death, he said feelingly: "Poor New England is much to be pitied, Boston most of all. How falsely misrepresented!" Whitefield came from Wrentham to Boston Aug. 14, 1770. He preached at the old North Church the 15th, at Dr. Sewall's the 16th, at Dr. Eliot's the 17th, at Mr. Pemberton's the 18th, at the New North (Dr. Eliot's) the 20th, at Dr. Sewall's the 21st and 22d, at the New North the 23d, at Dr. Sewall's the 24th, at Cambridge the 27th, at Charlestown the 28th,<sup>1</sup> at the Old South the 29th, at the New North the 30th, at Jamaica Plain the 31st, at Milton September 1st, at Roxbury the 2d, at the Old South the 3d; and on the 4th he set out for Portsmouth. The Diary does not give a record of services on August 19th, 25th, and 26th.<sup>2</sup> Rowe heard him twice, on August 16th and 24th, and notes the text on both occasions, saying of the first sermon (text Zechariah ix. 12, 1st clause), "I liked his discourse," and of the second (text St. Matthew xxii. 11-13), "This was in my opinion a clever discourse." His entry Sunday, September 30, is, "The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Whitfield died suddenly this morning at Newberry,

<sup>1</sup> Tyerman's "Life of Whitefield," ii. 592, reverses the dates at Cambridge and Charlestown.

<sup>2</sup> His biographer, Tyerman (ii. 592), says that he preached at Malden the 19th and at Medford on the 26th. Neither he nor the Boston newspapers take note specially of his preaching on the 25th.

much lamented." His death was at 6 A.M., probably of *angina pectoris*; and a special messenger must have been despatched to carry the intelligence to Boston.<sup>1</sup>

Among the pageants of the town, funeral ceremonies were the foremost. Those of eminent clergymen and lawyers and of civil or military officers drew a multitude of spectators. Rev. Dr. Mayhew was buried July 11, 1766,—a day when the thermometer stood at 90°. Besides a long procession of men and women on foot, preceding and following the remains, were fifty-seven carriages, of which sixteen were coaches and chariots,—Dr. Chauncy making the prayer and many clergymen attending. Similar rites accompanied, April 17, 1767, "the mournful funeral of Rowe's worthy and much lamented friend," Rev. Mr. Hooper, with "a great concourse and multitude of people attending the solemnity hardly to be conceived, . . . so great at the [Trinity] church that a great many gentlemen and ladies could not get in. . . . Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Walter preached a very pathetick and moving discourse." "A great concourse of people attended the funeral" of the Rev. Mr. Moorhead, Dec. 6, 1773. The funerals of Captain Hay of the warship "Tamar," March 23, 1773, and particularly of Lieutenant-

<sup>1</sup> Some of the clergymen were not well affected towards Whitefield's theology and methods. This was the case with Rev. Nathaniel Robbins of Milton, who refused to admit Whitefield to his church; and the latter preached in the open air on Milton Hill, in front of the house which was the former home of William Foye, provincial treasurer, under an elm which stood till the storm of 1851. Teele's "History of Milton," pp. 116, 117.

Governor Andrew Oliver, March 8, 1774, combined civic and military pomp,—coaches, chariots, solemn music, Hancock and his Cadets, the firing of minute-guns, and the presence of officials of high rank. Henry Vassall's funeral at Cambridge, March 22, 1769, is described as "a very handsome funeral and a great number of people and carriages." But the most august rites in honor of the dead accompanied, Sept. 12, 1767, the burial of Jeremiah Gridley, the great lawyer of the Province, father of the bar of Boston, master and guide of John Adams in legal studies, Grand Master of the Masons (Rowe being then Deputy Grand Master). Preceding the remains were the officers of his regiment and one hundred and sixty-one Masons in full regalia and bearing the symbols of the order; and following them were the Lieutenant-Governor, the judges and James Otis as bearers, then relatives, lawyers in their robes, gentlemen of the town, a great many coaches, chariots, and chaises, with "such a multitude of spectators as Rowe had never before seen since he had been in New England." After the interment the procession returned in the same order to the Town House, whence the body had been taken at the beginning. Rowe remarks of the display: "I do not much approve of such parade and show; but as it was his and his relations' desire, I could not well avoid giving my consent."

Rowe was a leader in all social affairs. Every colonial mansion was open to him. As merchant, Mason, member of clubs, an officer of Trinity

Church, a citizen active in public concerns, a leader in public and private festivities, he knew every one in the town who was not altogether obscure. In his Diary all the principal personages pass again and again before us, whether official persons or conspicuous citizens,—Bernard, Hutchinson, Otis, Hancock, Bowdoin, Cushing, the Quincys, Adamsses, Olivers, Gridleys, Boylstons, Auchmutys, Grays, Vassalls, Pitts, Inches, Phillips, Brimmer, Apthorp, Boutineau, Goldthwait, Swift, Hallowell, Timmins, Amory, all the leading clergymen and physicians, and a hundred more bearing familiar names. When the British evacuated Boston at the end of the siege, many of his best friends and some of his kinsfolk left also; and their names appear in Sabine's "Loyalists," and in Hutchinson's and Curwen's journals, and in the records of confiscated estates which we could wish our fathers had not left us as subjects of explanation and apology.

The amount of gayety and feasting in Boston in the period preceding the Revolution appears prominently in Rowe's Diary. It is safe to say that nothing like it exists to-day in any American town of less than twenty thousand inhabitants. The hour of dining was in the early afternoon, and that of the supper in the evening. Rowe records a great number of private meals, with names of guests,—friends, relatives, officers of the army and navy, or visitors from other Colonies or from Europe. We get only glimpses of the menu. French novelties had not yet come into vogue; and the dishes were



substantial, mostly English. We hear nothing of soups; but turtle (how served it is not stated), venison, and salmon seem to have been the choicest dishes which could be set before guests. The only vegetable named is green peas, picked from his own garden (June 16, 1767). Of the fruits which now complete a dinner or give relish to a breakfast or tea, nothing is said except that at Inman's one afternoon (July 6, 1768) there was at tea "a fine desert of cherrys and strawberries," the last doubtless growing wild. "A good large plumb cake" accompanied, June 5, 1769, "a fine ball and excellent music in Faneuil Hall."

The Diary suggests the beverages of the time. Then, as in more modern periods, Boston people delighted in Old Madeira. Hutchinson, in his almanac for 1770, notes: "July 19, paid John Rowe for a qr. cask of Port, £8." At a dinner at Rowe's, July 5, 1765, "Christo. Minot was very wroth with Mr. Inman for introducing some sterlg. Madeira on his new coat from one of the Leghorn glasses not well managed." May 1, 1766, "After dinner came Capt. Solo. Davis and Mr. H. Bethune to drink Welch ale." At the dinner on the Queen's birthday at Concert Hall (Jan. 18, 1771) there was "very good dancing and good musick, but very bad wine and punch." At Mrs. Cordis's tavern (March 25, 1767) her patrons "regulated the price of wine and punch with her, twenty shillings a double bowl punch, thirty shillings a bottle Madeira." March 7, 1767, "we went to Capt. Bennets and drank a bottle of Madeira with Lewis Gray and Capt. Doble.

The private dinners at which Rowe was host or guest bring before us the principal citizens of Boston at that time. One misses altogether, in the repeated lists of names, Paul Revere, and finds only in a very few instances Samuel Adams sharing in the conviviality. The last-named, with Hancock and Cushing, dines with Rowe May 5, 1767, and again Feb. 15, 1774, in company with Colonel James Warren of Plymouth, and other guests, not of Boston, bearing military titles. Rowe meets Adams at a dinner at Henderson Inches's, Jan. 7, 1775, in company with the clergymen Hunt and Bacon, Ezekiel Goldthwait, Cushing, and Arnold Wells. Otherwise Samuel Adams is not traced at dinners and clubs, except at the Fire Club.

Rowe's relations as friend and client with John Adams seem to have been very cordial, and the latter was as often in Boston life as his residence at Quincy much of the time permitted. Rowe meets "Mr. Adams of Braintree, lawyer," at Bracket's, the tavern, Jan. 28, 1765, in company with gentlemen nearly all bearing military titles. At a missing point in Rowe's Diary, John Adams enters in his, Dec. 20, 1765:<sup>1</sup> "Went to Boston; dined with Mr. Rowe in company with Messrs. Gridley, Otis, Kent, and Dudley." Rowe has at dinner, Sept. 4, 1766, "Mr. Addams of Braintree, lawyer," in company with "Mr. Payne of Taunton," and also has Adams to dine Feb. 24, 1767.

<sup>1</sup> Works, ii. 158.



He notes, March 6, 1769, a dinner at Major Cunningham's with him, "his two sons, all his officers of his company, the Rev. Dr. Elliot, Mr. Henderson Inches, Mr. John Adams, lawyer," and others. June 16, 1769, Rowe's guests were James Otis, Mrs. Otis, Mr. Walton and Mr. Dennison of New York, Brigadier-General Brattle, John Adams, Mr. Dana the lawyer, Mr. Benjamin Kent the lawyer, Mr. John Timmins, Captain Solomon Davis, Thomas and William Apthorp. Adams records in his own Diary, Feb. 26, 1770, calling at Rowe's house to warm himself, and their going out together to attend a funeral. Adams, as appears by Rowe's Diary Aug. 19, 1766, June 17, Nov. 2, 3, 1772, had law business in Taunton and Ipswich in which Rowe was concerned as client or witness.

Rowe had pleasant relations with James Otis, and they met from time to time in a social and friendly way (July 6, 1768; June 16, 1769). Rowe dined, April 1, 1767, at Otis's, where were Mrs. Otis, Jeremiah Gridley, Mr. Grant of Halifax, Mr. Hughes, Andrew Belcher, Mr. Amiel, and John Dennie. He was also in friendly intercourse with John Hancock.

Some entertainments given by Rowe may be noted: Jan. 9, 1770, "Dined at home with his Honor, the Lieut.-Govern'r, his brother Foster Hutchinson, Esq., Colo. Dalrymple, Capt. Caldwell, Mr. Nicholas Boylston, Mr. Inman, Mr. John Lane, Mrs. Rowe." Aug. 6, 1770, "I dined at home with Colin Campbell, Esq., and his lady,

Colo. Dalrymple and Capt. Mason of the 14<sup>th</sup> regiment, Capt. Robertson and his son, Capt. Rob<sup>t</sup> Linzee,<sup>1</sup> Capt. Bellew, Capt. Porter, Mr. Inman, Mrs. Rowe, and Sucky." Feb. 23, 1774, the party consisted of John Hancock, Joseph Hawley, Robert Treat Paine, John Pickering, Jedediah Preble of Falmouth (Portland), Isaac Lathrop of Plymouth, William Sever of Kingston, Gorham of Charlestown, and the Innans. Frequently before the war Rowe gave dinners to the British officers, military and naval (Oct. 19, 1770; Feb. 25, Nov. 15, 1774; Feb. 15 and April 13, 1775), and, after the British evacuated, to American officers (Sept. 4, 1776). "A genteel dance" was given for "Sucky" Inman, Feb. 21, 1770, at which military officers were most prominent,—among them Captain Preston, who was shortly to become an historical character.

There were dinners which Rowe attended,—at Governor Bernard's, Nov. 23, 1764, where were Boutineau, Pitts, Erving, Hancock, Samuel Wentworth, and Dr. Chauncy; at the Surveyor-General's (John Temple) Feb. 2, 1767, where were the Secretary (Andrew Oliver), Mrs. Robert Temple, Colonel Gorham, Dr. Bullfinch, Rev. Mr. Walter, Rev. Mr. Troutbeck, and "Miss Alice Whipple, the fair Quaker"; at Governor Hutchinson's, Dec. 30, 1772, where were the families of himself and Lieutenant-Governor Oliver, Dr. Gardner, the clergymen Caner, Byles, Walter, and Troutbeck; at Nicholas Boylston's, whose sumptuous furniture im-

<sup>1</sup> Afterwards Rear Admiral, brother of Captain John Linzee.

pressed John Adams<sup>1</sup> (Jan. 2, 1768; Jan. 4, Oct. 31, 1769; May 16, 1770), and at whose entertainments the distinguished people of the town were to be found; at Hancock's, Aug. 8, 1766, where were James Pitts, Treasurer Gray, James Otis, Thomas Cushing, and Benjamin Gerrish, and Dec. 12, 1772, where were "Madam Hancock, Solo. Davis, Judge Read, Thos. Brown, Thos. Brattle, Timo. Fitch, Tuthill Hubbard and James Perkins"; and "the fattest venison" which Rowe had ever seen was served.

Rowe recounts the guests at numerous dinners he attended,—as at Ezekiel Goldthwait's in Roxbury, Aug. 23, 1766; Thomas Flucker's, April 16, 1773; Ralph Inman's in Boston, July 13, 1776; Tuthill Hubbard's, Aug. 7, 1776; and Mrs. Coffin's, Nov. 19, 1778.

Rowe kept open house for friends from the country, and he notes their dining with him.—Tristram Dalton of Newberry (July 16, 1765; May 16, 18, 1766; Aug. 19, 1772; March 30, 1774; Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 1776; Feb. 14, 19, 1779); Epps Sergeant of Gloucester (Aug. 17, 1768; March 22, June 17, 1772); Captain Thomas Gerry of Marblehead (Sept. 13, 1769), and his son Elbridge, then rising to distinction (May 26, 1767; June 29, 1770); Robert Treat Paine of Taunton (Feb. 8, March 1, 1767); Colonel John Chandler of Worcester and Colonel John Murray of Rutland (March 1, June 8, 10, 1767; Dec. 3, 5, 1769); and General Timothy Ruggles of Hardwick (March 1,

<sup>1</sup> Works, ii. 179.

1767). He had (Sunday, Jan. 10, 1768) General Winslow of Marshfield to dine with him; and after church he spent an hour at Mrs. Bracket's, the tavern, with General Winslow, General Ruggles, Colonel Bradford, Mr. Sever of Kingston, and Major Alden.

Occasionally there were guests from other Colonies,—an Izzard, Burrows, and Powell from South Carolina, or a Livingston, King, and Mercer from New York (July 15, Aug. 21, 1767; Aug. 6, 7, 8, Sept. 6, 7, Oct. 15, 19, 21, 23, 1776); visitors or traders from the West Indies (Aug. 27, 1772; Sept. 6, 1776); Mr. Conner of Madeira and Mr. Conner of Teneriffe (Nov. 16, 1772); occasionally Frenchmen and Spaniards (July 16, 1772); and Englishmen who came for trade or curiosity (Oct. 12, Nov. 23, 1772), now and then bearing titles, as for instance Lord and Lady William Campbell (Oct. 25, 30, 1771; July 4, 1772). The English officers, civil and military, were much in social request; and some of them had to seek Rowe's good offices to relieve them from arrest for debt or other difficulties, as in the cases of Sir Thomas Rich of the "Senegal" (Nov. 7, 1771), and Captain John Linzee (Aug. 26, 27, 28, 31, 1772). Rowe often notes the sailing or arrival of passengers, both English and American, to or from England; and there seems to have been more communication between the town and the mother country than between the town and the Colonies lying southward. It is thus easy to understand how Boston at an early day acquired a distinctively English stamp.

A romantic character appears transiently in Rowe's pages,—Lady Frankland (Agnes Surriage), born in 1726, a Marblehead girl, celebrated in Holmes's ballad, who attracted the eye of Sir Charles Henry Frankland, great-grandson of Frances Cromwell, the daughter of the Protector.<sup>1</sup> He had come to Boston as royal collector in 1741. Though closely identified with King's Chapel as vestryman in the years 1743-44 and 1746-54, he was a benefactor of Trinity Church, giving, as appears by its records, a subscription for its first organ which was exceeded only by the amounts contributed by Peter Faneuil and Henry Vassall. Besides his city house next to Hutchinson's, he bought, as is well known, an estate in Hopkinton, now Ashland, where he placed his mistress, whom several years afterwards he married at Lisbon, in gratitude for her having rescued him at the time of the earthquake in 1755. Sir Henry and Lady Frankland were again in Boston in 1756, and they entertained the Rowes and Inmans Jan. 26, 1757. They left the country Feb. 23, 1758.

Once or twice more Frankland came to Boston, and returning to England died near Bath, Jan. 11, 1768. He was accompanied by Henry Cromwell, said to be his natural son, born in February, 1741, before his acquaintance with the Marblehead girl whom he took with him to Boston and Hopkinton.

<sup>1</sup> Sir Charles Henry Frankland, by Elias Nason; Foote's *Annals of King's Chapel*, i. 515-518. Frankland did not come to his title till the death of his uncle in 1747. His memorandum book or journal is preserved in the cabinet of this Society.

A few months after her husband's death Lady Frankland and Henry Cromwell sailed for Boston.

Lady Frankland and Cromwell were of a party at Menotomy Pond Aug. 28, 1773; and they disappear at this date from Rowe's Diary. Lady Frankland probably left shortly after for her estate in Hopkinton. She and Cromwell remained there till 1775, when after some obstruction they were allowed by the Provincial Congress to go to Boston, and not long after sailed for England, never to return.<sup>1</sup> The curious history of Agnes Surriage is only pursued thus far in order to illustrate Rowe's Diary. It may be added that she married in 1782 John Drew, a banker of Chichester, and died, April 23, 1783, at the age of fifty-seven. The only glimpses of her sojourn in Boston after her return as a widow are now for the first time obtained from Rowe's Diary.

Henry Cromwell's origin is involved in obscurity. Sir Charles Henry Frankland is usually named as his putative father, but the history which comes nearest the time makes him the natural son of Sir Thomas Frankland, Sir Charles's uncle and immediate predecessor in the title.<sup>2</sup> No writer makes any suggestion as to his maternity. He entered the English navy, rose to be a captain, and was with Admiral Kempenfelt in an action off the French coast Nov. 14, 1781. He is said to have been liv-

<sup>1</sup> Memorial History of Boston, iii. 77.

<sup>2</sup> Noble's Memoirs of the House of Cromwell, ii. 423, 424. Noble makes two mistakes,—giving Agnes's name as "Brown," and giving "Colechester" instead of Chichester as the place where she passed the latter part of her life.

ing and to have had a family in Chichester in 1796. Nason makes a statement which is not trustworthy, — that, “being unwilling to fight against his native country, he retired from the service previous to the close of the Revolution.” There is no evidence of his American birth, and the dates indicate an English birth. It appears by Steel’s “List of the Royal Navy,” page 20, that his first commission was in 1781, and that, instead of leaving the navy, he was still in it in 1797, with the rank of captain.

Weddings were the occasion of good cheer and gayety. Rowe mentions, Nov. 8, 1764, “Mr. Thos. Amory married Miss Betty Coffin this evening; there was a great company at old Mr. Coffin’s on the occasion, and a great dance.”<sup>1</sup> He records, Jan. 13, 1767, “a wedding frolick” at John Erving, Jr.’s, where he “had the pleasure to dance with the bride.” Feb. 2, 1768. “This morning Miss Polly Hooper was married in Trinity Church to Mr. John Russell Spence by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Walter; a great concourse of people attended on the occasion. Dined at Mrs. Hooper’s with her, the new bridegroom and bride.” A large number of guests were present,—Hallowells, Apthorps, Murrays, Greenleafs, and others,—remaining to tea and joining in the evening in a dance. “We were merry, and spent the whole day very clever and agreeable.”

There were once in two weeks in the winter and spring, beginning with the first of January, dancing-

<sup>1</sup> The bride’s portrait belongs to the family of the late William Amory of Boston.



assemblies at Concert Hall. The Governor and military and naval officers quite often attended them, and Rowe describes them many times as "very brilliant." The number of gentlemen and ladies in attendance was usually rather more than a hundred, and sometimes it rose to two hundred. Feb. 10, 1768. "Spent the evening at the assembly, which was a very brilliant one, the Governour and Lady, all the commissioners, Mr. Harrison, and too many to enumerate." March 15, 1769. "Spent the evening at the assembly with the Governour, Commodore, General, Colo. Kerr, Colo. Lesly, Major Furlong, Major Fleming, Major Fordyce, a great number of officers of the navy and army and gentlemen and ladies of the town, that it was a brilliant assembly and very good dancing."

There were several political clubs in Boston in Rowe's time, but he belonged to none of them. He was however an habitual visitor at clubs social or commercial, going almost every evening to one or another. More often than any other he sought the "Possee"; but what was its bond of fellowship is not known. It had a limited number of members, as follows: John Avery, John Box, William Coffin, Senior, Samuel Deming, Deacon Thomas Foster, Benjamin Greene, Rufus Greene, William Henshaw, Francis Johonnot, James Richardson, and John Rowe. Samuel Swift, the lawyer, usually met with them, though perhaps rather as a guest than as a member. Occasionally a member introduced a guest who lived in the country.



The Fire Club, meeting at Mrs. Cordis's or at Ingersoll's, was made up of George Bethune, Melatiah Bourne, James Boutineau, Nicholas and Thomas Boylston, John Brown, John Dennie, Solomon Davis, Benjamin Faneuil, Samuel Fitch, Thomas Flucker, Harrison Gray, Capt. Jerry Green, Joseph Green, Dr. William Lloyd, Master John Lovell, William Molineux, and William Sheaffe. Rowe's first meeting with them was Sept. 5, 1768. On the same page where he states this fact he writes, "The word, Ask more," which may have been the password. Joseph Green, who was present Sept. 4, 1769, is mentioned as "the poet."

Rowe attended, Nov. 7, 14, 1764, the Wednesday Night Club, probably having no connection with the Wednesday Evening Club of a later date. He also mentions, July 4, 1767, meeting the "No. 5 Club," made up of prominent citizens whom he names.

The chief rendezvous of the leading citizens was, however, at Mrs. Cordis's,—“the British Coffee House in the front room towards the Long wharf where the Merchants Club has met this twenty years.”<sup>1</sup> Lawyers as well as merchants came hither, probably every evening. In 1767 the meetings were at Mrs. Cordis's; but about 1772 they were held at Colonel Joseph Ingersoll's Bunch of Grapes in King Street, and when he left Boston, at Captain Marston's, either in King Street or Merchants' Row. The names of persons whom Rowe met at these resorts—some on one evening and some on an-

<sup>1</sup> John Adams's Diary, Works, ii. 290.

other, and all of them recurring again and again in his pages — are John Amiel, George Apthorp, Nat. and George Bethune, Joshua Blanchard, Melatiah and William Bourne, James Boutineau, John and Nicholas Boylston, Thomas Brattle, Edward, Solomon, and William Davis, John Dennie, Joseph Dowse, John Erving, Samuel Fitch, Thomas Flucker, Ezekiel Goldthwait, Thomas Gray, Treasurer Harrison Gray, John Hancock, Samuel Hughes, Nat. Hide, Henderson Inches, Joseph Jackson, William Molineux, James Otis, Edward Payne, James Perkins, Dr. William Lee Perkins, Samuel Quincy, Joseph Scott, John Timmins, James Warden, Edward Wendell, and Joshua Winslow, and the lawyers Gridley, Sewall, and Swift.

The habit of frequenting insurance offices for reading newspapers and hearing gossip belongs to a later date; but Rowe records, Aug. 22, 1768: "Spent the evening at the North Insurance office with James Otis, Solo. Davis, John Erving, Thos. Brattle, Capt. Vernon, Nat. Barber, Andrew Clark, and John White."

Club life as well as public festivities were mostly suspended after the battle of Lexington, except on special occasions like the visit of the French fleet.

The usual drives in the country were round Jamaica Pond or in Roxbury and Dorchester, sometimes "over the Neck round the little Square" (July 29, Aug. 10, 1774), and sometimes as far as Milton (April 6, 1769). Rowe often drove to Roxbury to see his old friend and relative Robert Gould,

an invalid, till the latter's death early in 1772 (May 5, June 22, 1765). In the summer of 1771 he used to drive to Savin Hill, "a very agreeable rural spot," to a place which his friend Thomas Brattle had hired, where an agreeable company sometimes gathered for afternoon tea (May 16, June 3). The drive we may presume was often in a chaise; but sometimes Mrs. Rowe "took an airing in the chariot" (Sept. 2, 1766). The drives were to the south, as communication with the north was so circuitous. For instance, a party set out, Nov. 10, 1772, in Paddock's coach for Salem (Rowe's chaise accompanying it). "We went all round through Cambridge and dined at Martin's; we got to Salem about four of clock."

The suburbs of Boston were attractive in those as in later days. At Milton lived Thomas Hutchinson, in a house standing till 1872, which looked out on river and ocean in front and the Blue Hills in the rear,—a house then filled with sons and daughters. He loved that home on Unquity Hill, parted from it with deep regret, and sighed in exile to return to it. Rowe drove to Hutchinson's mansion to make calls, and sometimes on official business (June 16, Sept. 11, 1766; July 13, 1773). He had friendly relations with Daniel Vose, the merchant of the place, at whose house "at the Milton Bridge," still standing near the railway station, the Suffolk Resolves were passed; and dined there, May 6, 1769, in company with Dr. Catherwood, Joshua Winslow, Jr., and others. But the house in Milton which

he sought the most was that of James Smith on Brush Hill, still standing, and for a long period the home of the late James M. Robbins. Smith, who died in 1769 at the age of eighty, was a wealthy sugar-refiner, and owned an estate of one hundred and seventy-one acres running to the Neponset River.<sup>1</sup> He had also a farm at Watertown, where he gave a distinguished dinner-party July 15, 1767. His second wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell, born Murray, was of a Scotch family; and her maiden name is found in the middle names of her descendants, the late Mr. Robbins, and others who are still living in Milton. She became by a third marriage Rowe's kinswoman.<sup>2</sup> He records in a quaint way the courtship of herself and his brother-in-law Inman: July 22, 1771. "After dinner [at Rowe's] Mr. Inman introduced his design to Mrs. Smith." August 16. "Afternoon Mr. Inman and Mrs. Rowe paid a visit to Mrs. Smith over to Goldthwait's. Mr. Inman came home well pleased and agreed on his plan of matrimony." Rowe notes the publication of banns at King's Chapel, September 1, and the marriage "at the seat of Mr. Ezekiel Goldthwait," September 26, followed by a dinner at Inman's, where Rowe passed the evening and the night. Rowe was often at this Brush Hill house, once at least taking a sleigh-ride there (Jan. 30, 1765); and once Mrs. Rowe was badly bruised (Aug.

<sup>1</sup> Pictures of the Hutchinson, Vose, and Smith houses are in Teele's "History of Milton."

<sup>2</sup> She and her second husband, James Smith, are buried at King's Chapel.

18, 1767) by her carriage being upset as she was driving there. It was Rowe's stopping-place as he was returning from fishing or business excursions (July 20, 1765; July 22, 1766). Under this roof often gathered gay dinner-companies, where were James Murray and wife; his daughters Anna, Betsey, and Dorothy<sup>1</sup> (the last afterwards the wife of Rev. John Forbes); old Madam Belcher, the Governor's widow, and Mrs. Belcher, widow of Andrew Belcher, who was both Madam's daughter and daughter-in-law; the Hoopers, Inmans, Vassalls, Amiels, Auchmutys, Goulds, Temples, Hallowells, Goldthwaits, Miss Blowers, Rev. Edward Winslow; and Milton neighbors, the Pratts and Clarks (March 28, July 19, 20, 1765; July 24, Oct. 23, 1766; Aug. 18, 1767; Feb. 7, 25, 1769). Rowe writes of the dinner, March 16, 1773, "We were very merry." These happy days at Brush Hill were then coming to a close, the greater number of the festive company sharing the fate of Loyalists and exiles. The Murray ladies succeeded in saving the estate itself from confiscation by remaining upon it and keeping very quiet during the war.<sup>2</sup>

There were then attractive houses at Cambridge. Rowe records festivities at several of them,—at Colonel Thomas Oliver's (Dec. 9, 1766; Feb. 22, 1768; Aug. 17, 1769), where were the Brattles, Temples, Vassalls, Byards, Phippses, Van Hornes, Edward Winslow, and Richard Lechmere; and at

<sup>1</sup> She is buried at King's Chapel. Her portrait is in the possession of her grandson, John M. Forbes, of Milton.

<sup>2</sup> Teele's "History of Milton," pp. 173, 174, 421, 422.

John and Henry Vassall's, where were similar companies (Feb. 16, 1765; Dec. 12, 1766; Feb. 17, 1768). His record for Feb. 20, 1768, was of a dinner at Ten Hills (Mr. Robert Temple's), where were "Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Eliz<sup>th</sup> Hubbard, Miss Henrietta Temple and 4 daughters of Mr. Temple's, also Colo. James Otis, his son James Otis, Mr. W<sup>m</sup> Bayard, Major Robt. Byard, Mr. Lavicount, Mr. Dewar, Capt. Sheaffe of Charlestown, Colo. Saltonstall of Haverhill." A dinner at Colonel David Phipps's (July 7, 1768) has been noted elsewhere.

In no house in or about Boston were there more lavish entertainments than at Ralph Inman's in Cambridge, a house the site of which is just behind the present City Hall. No buildings then intervening to obstruct the view, it looked out on the Charles River and Boston beyond. Noble trees stood in the spacious grounds about it.<sup>1</sup> Rowe as a kinsman was often here for family and friendly gatherings, some of which have been elsewhere noted (Oct. 18, 1764; June 21, Aug. 2, Oct. 23, 1771; Aug. 25, 1773).

The entertainments at Inman's and at College rooms on Commencement Day surpass anything since known in that renowned home of culture and hospitality, except perhaps "the class spreads" given in recent years at the Hemenway Gymnasium and Beck Hall. Rowe makes these records: July 17, 1765. "Commencement Day. Went to Cam-

<sup>1</sup> Drake's "Historic Fields and Mansions of Middlesex," p. 187, gives a description and picture of the house.

bridge, Mrs. Rowe, Polly Hooper, and Sucky; dined at Edward Winslow's room, a very large company; went to Mr. Hooper's room, also to Col. Taylor's." Young Winslow was to die an exile in New Brunswick. The next day there was a dinner at Mr. Hooper's (probably Robert Hooper of the Class of 1765), "with a very large company"; and in the evening a dance at the Town House given by young Nathaniel Sparhawk, another of the Class of 1765, at whose request Rowe "officiated as master of the ceremony." Sparhawk and probably Hooper became Loyalists. A similar festivity is recorded July 16, 1766. Again, July 20, 1768: "I went to Cambridge, stopped at Mr. Inman's, dined with a very large company at Jos. Henshaw's, paid a visit to Tutor Hancock's, met the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Barnard of Marblehead, afterwards paid a visit to Mrs. Green's where were a very large company, too many to enumerate." July 21. "A very hot day. I came to town this morning and returned to Cambridge; dined with Mr. David Greene, with a very large company, spent the evening there. We had a dance. I was master of the ceremonies; slept at Mr. Inman's." Greene of the Class of 1768 became a Loyalist. July 17, 1771: "I went to Cambridge and dined with Mr. Inman, Polly Jones, and Sally Inman; after dinner I went to Colo. Murray's room in the New Colledge,<sup>1</sup> where there was a large company, the Governour, Councill and too many to enumerate. I staid till six." Colonel John Murray

<sup>1</sup> Hollis Hall.



and his son Daniel of the graduating class, also his son Samuel of the class of the following year, became Loyalists.

The fullest record of festivities at Cambridge is in July, 1772. On the 15th Rowe dined at Samuel Murray's room, where were Colonel Murray the father, Colonel Saltonstall, Judge Sewall, Colonel Oliver, Samuel Quincy, Major Vassall, and many other guests whose names are given. Rowe adds: "After dinner we were visited by the Governour and Council, Admirall Montague and many other gentlemen too many to enumerate. I paid a visit to Mr. Jonathan William's son and also Dr. Whitworth's son, both which took their degree." The record of the next day is as follows: "I went early to Mr. Inman's, who made the genteelest entertainment I ever saw on account of his son George taking his degree yesterday. He had three hundred forty-seven gentlemen and ladies dined, two hundred and ten at one table, amongst the company the Governour and family, the Lieut-Governour and family, the Admirall and family, and all the remainder gentlemen and ladies of character and reputation; the whole was conducted with much ease and pleasure, and all joyned in making each other happy; such an entertainment has not been made in New England before on any occasion." A ball at the Town House in Cambridge followed, where "all were very happy and cheerful" and Rowe slept at Inman's. George Inman, whose college life closed so merrily, left his home three years later to



join the British army, and died at Grenada in the West Indies in 1789.

These annual festivities were approaching a suspension; and Rowe records, July 20, 1774, that "the distressed situation of the town and Province prevents Commencement Day being kept publick as usual." Inman's house became General Putnam's headquarters during the siege of Boston,—an event which is commemorated by an inscription on a stone slab placed on its site by the city of Cambridge. The building itself, removed twenty and more years ago, is now a double tenement house, recently bereft of its piazza, numbered 64 and 66 on Brookline Street in that city, and making the southeast corner of Brookline and Auburn streets.

Ralph Inman's estate escaped confiscation, and he returned to live and die upon it, and to bequeath it by a will proved in July, 1788. He has posterity other than the Linzees living in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, descending from the daughters of his son George, who came with their mother from Grenada to Massachusetts soon after their father's death, and who were liberally provided for in the wills of their grandfather and of Hannah Rowe.

Another well-known suburban house was that of Isaac Royall at "Mystick," or Medford. There, May 3, 1766, besides Rowe, were "Miss Polly and Miss Betsy Royal, General Brattle, Treasurer Gray, James Otis, Esq., Thos. Cushion [Cushing], Esq., and Mr. Nathl. Sparhawk." There also, July 22, 1768, were "the Governour and Council, Danforth,

Gray, Flucker, Bowdoin, Isaac Royal, Mr. Pepperell." This company were to be scattered a few years later, the hosts and the larger number of guests becoming Loyalists. Royall is gratefully remembered by jurists for the professorship founded by him at Cambridge.

Rowe attended, Aug. 23, 1773, a large dinner-party at "Mallden" given by Captain Haskins, where were several whose names have already appeared in other connections in these pages.

All the notable houses in the Province were open to Rowe, — those of the Speakmans, his relatives in Marlborough; Colonel John Murray at Rutland (May 21, 23, 1766); General Timothy Ruggles at Hardwick (May 21, 22, 1766); Colonel John Chandler at Worcester (May 12, 1767); Robert Treat Paine and Captain Cobb at Taunton (May 8, July 3, 1766; July 30, 1767); Edward Winslow at Plymouth (May 2, 1765; April 28, 1768; April 27, 1769; April 30, May 21, 1770; April 24, 25, 1771); Nathaniel Ray Thomas (May 1, 1765; April 28, 1769) and General Winslow (April 29, 30, 1767; April 25, 26, 1769; May 1, 2, 1770; April 23, 1771), both at Marshfield; Major Goldthwait's country home at "Westown" (May 13, 1767); those of several friends in Salem, among them Colonel Pickman and Joseph Dowse (Oct. 1, 1767); Captain Thomas Gerry at Marblehead (July 31, 1765; July 28, 1776), where were his sons Thomas, John, and Elbridge; and of Tristram Dalton at "Newberry Old Town," where

Rowe dined, July 26, 1776, when returning from Portsmouth. Of Dalton's place he writes: "This seat of Mr. Dalton's is most delightfully situated, and has the most extensive prospect I ever saw, particularly of the River Merrimack and the sea beyond, Newberryport and Hampton Beach."

One gets the impression from this Diary that in the days before the Revolution there was a country life in New England in large houses remote from Boston (not summer cottages only) more interesting and having greater social vitality than anything like it in those or similar localities in our time.

The public feasting in Boston at this time was beyond anything now seen in places of the same population. There were merchants' dinners, St. Patrick dinners, charitable society dinners, Masonic dinners, artillery election dinners, dinners on board vessels of war and commerce,<sup>1</sup> dinners at Faneuil Hall to celebrate the close of the school year, with clergymen and official or eminent persons as guests, dinners of the Proprietors of Long Wharf, dinners on Spectacle, Rainsford, and Noddle's islands, and at the Light House. There were dinners, often with dancing, to celebrate the King's accession to the throne, and the King's and Queen's birthdays, and to express the public joy at the repeal of the Stamp Act. Rowe was present at all these, often serving as chairman or toastmaster; and he describes with much zest the entertainments as "gen-

<sup>1</sup> April 21, 1771, on board Rowe's own ship, the "Montagu."

teel." He seemed to enjoy more than any the Masonic dinners which came twice a year, in June and December, and he always gives the names of the brethren present. Dec. 27, 1764, he wrote: "I don't remember St. John, as long as I have belonged to the fraternity, has been celebrated with more decorum and more pleasure." The merchants' dinner at the Coffee House, Dec. 2, 1766, Rowe presiding, to Capt. John Gideon, commander of the warship "Jamaica," just before sailing, was a notable festivity. Here were all the principal merchants and citizens, including Hancock, Otis, Edmund Quincy, Cushing, the Boylsons, Amorys, and Hallowells. Rowe says: "And a very genteel entertainment it was." A committee, of which Rowe was a member, had been appointed the day before by the town to express its thanks to Captain Gideon for his conduct while stationed at Boston.

Sometimes our ancestors feasted on a roasted ox, or "barbikue,"—"the ox being carried through the streets in triumph" the day before,—at the Turk's Head, on the Common, at Faneuil Hall, and Dennis Island (Sept. 28, 1764; Aug. 13, 1765; Aug. 1, 1766; Aug. 16, 1768; May 29, 30, 1770). These were not occasions for the masses only; but the leading people, ladies as well as gentlemen,—Hutchinsons, Olivers, Grays, Belchers, Sheaffes, Auchmutys, Swifts, and Goldthwaits,—took part.

The places for feasting when the company was very large were Faneuil Hall and Concert Hall,—

the latter resort situated on the south corner of Court and Hanover streets, and standing till a modern period,<sup>1</sup> — but considerable parties were entertained at Mrs. Cordis's Coffee House; Colonel Joseph Ingersoll's Bunch of Grapes in King Street (Captain Marston was his successor there, 1775–1779); Bracket's, Gardner's, and King's Arms on the Neck; the Peacock, Greateon's (the Greyhound), Richards's, and Blany's in Roxbury; Kent's and John Champney's (the Turk's Head) in Dorchester; Coolidge's "at Watertown Bridge"; Weatherby's at Menotomy Pond, and places of refreshment at Fresh Pond and Spot Pond. These festivities included a pleasant suburban drive of ladies and gentlemen round Jamaica Pond (in winter in sleighs), a dinner and tea and a dance in the evening, joined in not by the young only, but also by middle-aged people of foremost rank in the town. Sometimes each paid his own score, but at other times one of the party was host and the rest guests. The French consul was the host at Marston's Feb. 27, 1779; and Colonel Dalrymple, Francis Waldo, and John Lane on other occasions at the Peacock (July 10, Aug. 20, Oct. 30, 1771).

Eighty gentlemen, "a high campaign," went, Aug. 11, 1767, to witness a launch at Weymouth. An excursion to a remoter point may be chronicled in this connection, Aug. 6, 1772: "This morning Mr. Hancock, Dr. Cooper, Mr. Brattle, Mr. Tuthill Hubbard, Mr. Saml. Calef, Mr. Winthrop of Cam-

<sup>1</sup> It was finally demolished in 1869.

bridge, Mr. Nicho. Bowes and Capt. Hood went from Boston in the Providence packet to visit the eastern parts of this province and also on a party of pleasure. My servant Henry Smith and Davis the barber's man went with them as attendants." The party returned August 22.

There were a succession of enjoyable inns on the highways leading from Boston southward to Plymouth and Taunton, and also to the east and west. Most sought by Rowe was Doty's,<sup>1</sup> in Stoughton, now Canton, just beyond the Blue Hills, standing till it was burned in December, 1888, its site now a race-course. Here met in 1774 the "County Congress," with Warren at the head of the Boston delegation, by which at an adjourned meeting held at the house of Daniel Vose in Milton were passed the famous Suffolk Resolves. Here during the siege lived Ezekiel Price, who drove often to Milton to learn the news and observe from the hill the movements of the British ships in the harbor. Rowe had occasion on fishing-excursions or journeys to Dighton on business (the affairs of Ebenezer Stetson, an insolvent debtor), to stop often at this tavern, and he managed whenever he could to pass the night there. Once when returning from Dighton, May 9, 1766, he wrote: "We supped and slept there, and I set it down as an extraordinary house of entertainment, and very good beds." Other country taverns which he frequented were

<sup>1</sup> An account of this tavern, with a picture, is given in Huntton's "History of Canton," pp. 335-341.

Brackett's in Braintree, Deacon Cushing's in Hingham, Elisha Ford's in Marshfield, Spears's and Hall's in Pembroke, Howland's in Plymouth, Newcomb's in Sandwich, Stone's in Stoughton, Widow Noyes's in Sharon (then Stoughtonham, where one of the Edmund Quineys seemed to be an *habitué*), Howard's and Kingman's in Easton, McWhorter's in Taunton, Tapley's, Johnson's, and Norwood's in Lynn, Goodhue's in Salem, "a good tavern and good lodging" (Oct. 1, 1767), Treadwell's in Ipswich, Widow Ames's and Woodward's (both being the same)<sup>1</sup> and Gay's in Dedham, Mackintosh's in Needham, Pratt's at Needham Bridge, and Fisher's on Charles River in the upper part of that town, Bullard's in Natick (where Rowe dined July 3, 1765, "on fish which Mrs. Bullard dressed very well"), Mann's in Wrentham, and Bryant's in Sudbury. These wayside inns, sometimes the resort of parties of gentlemen and ladies driving from Boston, appear attractive in Rowe's pages; but John Adams does not give so favorable an account of them.<sup>2</sup>

Fresh-water fishing was a great sport in those days; and Rowe was one of the jolliest and most expert fishermen. We read in John Adams's Diary (II. 238) a note, June 2, 1770, from Goldthwait to Adams, who was to start the next day for Ports-

<sup>1</sup> These taverns were in Dedham village. Mrs. Ames was the mother of Fisher Ames, and married Woodward for her second husband. At Woodward's the "County Congress," which afterwards passed the Suffolk Resolves at Milton, met.

<sup>2</sup> Works, ii. 123, and elsewhere.



mouth on a professional errand: "Do you call tomorrow and dine with us at Flax Pond near Salem. Rowe, Davis, Brattle, and half a dozen as clever fellows as ever were born, are to dine there under the shady trees by the pond upon fish and bacon and pease, &c.; and as to Madeira, nothing can come up to it. Do you call. We'll give you a genteel dinner and fix you off on your journey." Rowe took care to provide himself with all a fisherman's needs, as imported rods (June 11, 1765); sometimes "lost several fine hooks and snoods" (Sept. 10, 1768), once lost "the top of his rod line and hooks by a very large pickerell" (Sept. 17, 1764), and once left behind his "fishing rod and leather dram bottle" (Oct. 2, 1767). His companions on these excursions were often Samuel Calef or Henry Ayres, and sometimes his clerical friends. In the early part of the Diary he was fishing mostly in Flax Pond in Lynn, and in the latter part mostly in Charles River at Dedham and Needham, keeping a boat at Dedham, which he sent up the river, June 12, 1776, and stopping sometimes at Kendrick's or other taverns in the town or vicinity, but oftener at Richards's (probably Timothy Richards), who, though not a tavern-keeper, received him in a friendly way. Other fishing-resorts frequented by him were Menotomy Pond, with Wyndship's tavern near by; Fresh Pond; Spot Pond; Jamaica Pond; Ponkapoag Pond (Doty's tavern near by), and perhaps Houghton's in the vicinity (Aug. 2, 1766); Mossepong (or



Massapoag) Pond (July 30, 1767) in Sharon ; ponds or streams in Natick and Wrentham ; “the Great Worster Pond”<sup>1</sup> in Shrewsbury, where he was entertained at “Mr. Furnaces” and fished at “Worster Bridge” (May 12, 13, July 6, 1767) ; and a pond “at the upper end of Mallden” (July 2, 1767). To the south were sheets of water inviting the fisherman,—in Hingham, Taunton, Duxbury, Pembroke, and Plymouth ; and with all these Rowe was familiar.

Sometimes the luck was poor, but generally it was very good. Four or five dozen was an ordinary catch ; but often the fishing-party brought back ten or even twenty dozen.—sometimes pickerel two feet long and weighing nearly four pounds (one caught June 29, 1770, weighing four and a quarter pounds) ; perch fifteen, sixteen, and eighteen inches long, and weighing three and a half pounds ; and trout eighteen inches long.

Ladies were sometimes of the party, and passed the night at the tavern near by ; but they do not appear to have joined in the sport. At Kendrick’s on Charles River, July 27, 1765, Pitts, Bowdoin, Boutineau, Bourne, and Flucker were accompanied by their wives for the day, and Nicholas Boylston was of the party. At Doty’s tavern in Stoughton the fishing-party was joined, Aug. 21, 1776, by “the two Mrs. Belchers, Miss Clark, Miss Dolly Murray, Mrs. Jones, Miss Blowers, Miss Amiel, Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Waller.” At Flax

<sup>1</sup> Long Pond, or Lake Quinsigamond.

Pond, June 29, 1770, the ladies of the Wendell, Goldthwait, Wells, Gerry, and Winslow families joined the party. June 8, 1773. Admiral Montagu's wife and other ladies were at Mann's tavern in Wrentham for the night, when Rowe and the Admiral were fishing there. Aug. 28, 1773. At Menotomy Pond were Montagu and his wife and daughter, Lady Frankland and Henry Cromwell, the ladies Lechmere, Simpson, Inman, Flucker, several military and naval officers, Commissioner Hulton, and Collector Harrison. "We were very jolly. The Admirall, Capt. Williams, and I had very poor luck, the fish very small."

Rowe, when visiting Plymouth for business or pleasure, did not fail to take advantage of ponds and brooks in that town and vicinity,—at Duxbury Mills, April 28, 1767, where five dozen trout were caught; at Pembroke, May 20, 1769, April 30, 1770, and May 5, 1773, each time catching fifty, fifty-eight, and sixty trout; at South Pond, Plymouth, Aug. 12, 1766, where he "caught a very large perch, measured 18 inches and weighed three pounds and half"; and May 31, 1771, when he had very good sport, afterwards dining at Mr. Richman's. "We were very merry; some young ladies came there a fishing and to pay a visit, particularly Miss Polly Brimhall of Plymouth and two daughters of Mr. Richman."

The hooking of turtles is sometimes recorded,—one at Fresh Pond, June 25, 1765, weighing thirty

pounds. Except "trying for some smelts" once or twice (Oct. 5, 18, 1764), Rowe says nothing of salt-water fishing, although the harbor of Boston within the memory of living people has been good fishing-ground. He records, June 19, 1765, a strange apparition in our waters: "This morning our fishermen caught a large fish in the shape of a shark twenty foot long; his teeth were different from a shark's teeth." The next day's record is: "They cut up the fish, and filled two large hogs-heads with his liver."

We have sports which were unknown to our fathers; but they had fishing-resorts within one or two hours' drive from Boston which we can only have by long journeys to the Rangeley Lakes and the Adirondacks.

In the period immediately preceding the Revolution, the port of Boston was a lively scene. War-vessels were leaving for or coming in from Halifax or the South or England, or going out on short cruises. The sailing and arrival of merchant vessels, several in a day, were town topics of keen interest. April 19, 1765. "Above thirty sail of vessels arrived from the Vineyard this afternoon." Rowe mentions the clearing of ships for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the West Indies, Lisbon, Oporto, Cadiz, Gibraltar, Alicante, Madeira, Surinam, Glasgow, Newcastle, Bristol, Plymouth, Whitby, London, or their arrival from those ports, Liverpool not having then attained the prominence it has since held. Passages between English ports

and Boston ranged from five to eight weeks; but Captain Bruce made the run from London (arriving Oct. 20, 1764) to Boston in twenty-six days, which Rowe mentions as "the shortest passage ever known."<sup>1</sup> Later he records a still shorter passage, April 20, 1769: "This afternoon Capt. Post arrived from Glasgow in a short passage of twenty-two days." Another short passage is noted May 8, 1767: "This day arrived Capt. Delano from London in 27 days passage."

Rowe notes the arrival, May 11, 1774, of a vessel from Scotland, with upwards of a hundred passengers,—the only instance of a body of immigrants mentioned in the Diary.

The town was not without commercial panics; and a serious one occurred in January, 1765. On the 16th Nathaniel Wheelwright "stopt payment and kept in his room. A great number of people will suffer by him. . . . The trade has been much alarmed." That evening at Mrs. Cordis's the conversation was on his affairs; and Mr. Inman went to the Assembly probably to start legislative action. "A general consternation in town occasioned by these repeated bankruptcies. That the General Court which are now sitting determine to make an act for the relief of insolvent debtors,—which will be very seasonable." The General Court, in consequence of the application, passed the Act of March 9, 1765, which was approved by the Privy Council,

<sup>1</sup> Province Acts and Resolves, iv. 777-781, 793-795.

though such an act had been disallowed eight years before. Scollay's and Wheelwright's estates were distributed under the new Act.<sup>1</sup>

Arbitration was usually resorted to by merchants for adjusting disputes which arose in the way of trade. Rowe and merchants of his standing often sat on such boards, which met usually at the Coffee House or Colonel Ingersoll's tavern. His records of such sessions are so frequent that it is not worth while to give the dates.

Rowe's Diary discloses a great number of fires in Boston at this period. They started in many instances from foul chimneys and bakehouses. " 'Twas a terrible foul chimney," is a record he sometimes makes (Feb. 2, 1765). The citizens, it must be said to their credit, worked with energy and organization, and generally got the better of the fire before it spread beyond the building where it started (Oct. 12, 1767). There were as early as 1768 as many as six fire-engines, and John Hancock gave another in 1772.<sup>2</sup> Rowe commends "the dexterity and clever behaviour of the South End Engine men" (Jan. 24, 1765). On April 2, 1768, when there were several alarms, "one poor man lost his life by falling off a ladder." The fire-wards were substantial citizens like Samuel Adams, Hancock, Captain Adino Paddock, Captain Thomas Dawes, John Scol-

<sup>1</sup> There were shorter passages going eastward: Richard Clarke made one in twenty-one days (S. Curwen's Journal and Letters, p. 43); General Burgoyne made one "in less than twenty-four days" (Hutchinson's Diary and Letters, i. 587).

<sup>2</sup> Memorial History of Boston, iii. 151.

lay, and Rowe, who got excused from further service March 9, 1772. There was a Fire Club, already mentioned, which was composed of the most substantial citizens. Rowe went to the fires and fought them vigorously, coming home afterwards "much wet and tired," and going to bed (Jan. 18, 1765; June 15, 1766). His leathern bucket, marked, in large letters, "John Rowe, 1760," is still in the possession of his great-grand-niece.

The most disastrous fire of the period was on Feb. 4, 1767, breaking out in "a baker's warehouse and spreading round about the neighborhood, that it consumed more than twenty houses, among which were Mr. Jonathan Williams's dwelling-house, several houses of Mr. John Hancock, several belonging to Capt. Ball; it began at ten of clock and continued until three in the morning." Public and private charity was invoked in behalf of the sufferers, forty of whom were reduced to extreme poverty. The selectmen promptly sent a petition to the General Court asking for a grant of relief for the sufferers, and that body voted £400 to be paid to the selectmen for the purpose. The selectmen (Rowe being one) received a statement of losses, and distributed the fund March 6, 10, 12, 27. They addressed a letter to the churches, asking for contributions April 5. In Trinity Church, May 17, there was a collection for the sufferers by the late fire. "Mr. Walter behaved extremely clever on this occasion, and urged his congregation to their usual benevolence." The selectmen also

distributed the fund which came from the churches (June 5, 12). A collection was taken, Aug. 7, 1768, in Trinity Church for sufferers by fire at Montreal. It is pleasant to note how the well-to-do people of Boston at that day were sympathetic, as they have been ever since, with others, near or remote, who were afflicted with misfortune.

Curiously enough, Rowe, who was keen in noting fires, makes no reference to that in Fish Street, Aug. 10, 1774, attended with loss of life, which is mentioned in Thomas Newell's Diary; but he notes, October 6 of the same year: "A large fire happened at Salem last night; Dr. Witaker's meeting house and eighteen houses were destroyed."

The lighting of the streets of London, the significance of which inspired a well-known passage of the third chapter of Macaulay's History, took place in the last year of Charles the Second's reign. Somewhat less than a century later this reform was introduced into Boston; and Rowe was one of its leaders, quite likely its originator. Thomas Newell's Diary mentions only the first lighting, and also his beginning (Jan. 8, 1774) to make the tops of the glass lamps; but Rowe gives in detail the progress of the enterprise, which occupied his attention for a year.<sup>1</sup>

Pope's Day, November 5, with its rival North End and South End processions, and their contest or "battle," sometimes at Mill Bridge on Han-

<sup>1</sup> Rowe does not mention the loss of the first lamps sent from England by the wreck of a tea-ship off Cape Cod in December, 1773,—a fact stated in John Andrews's letters.



over Street, is described by Rowe. In 1764 the sheriff, justices, and militia undertook to destroy the figures, but the populace was too much for them. Several thousand people were in attendance, and there was a fatal injury. This "foolish custom," as Rowe calls it, became in later years, as in 1769, 1773, and 1774, less of an affair, and then died out altogether.

The lottery still existed in this Puritan community, legalized for public objects. Rowe bought, March 19, 1767, seven tickets of John Ruddock, and sold one, kept two for himself, and gave the rest to Mrs. Rowe and the Inmans.

The fashion of duelling still lingered, Feb. 23, 1765: "Colo. Bourn of M'head and Jerahmiel Bowers challenged each other with sword and pistoll yesterday about the excise."

Rowe gives incidents of crimes and punishments.

Boston does not seem to have been the orderly and well-governed town which our fathers sometimes proclaimed it to be. There was no constabulary force which amounted to anything when such a force was required. The mobs of Pope's Day, as already seen, had their own way, defying even the militia. The populace arrested at pleasure the infliction of public punishments judicially ordered, and sometimes superadded discretionary pelting of their own (Sept. 11, Oct. 4, 1764; Jan. 11, 1770; March 28, 1771). When the political troubles came, they sacked and destroyed the



houses of unpopular citizens and magistrates. They stripped the offender naked, covered him with tar, decked him with feathers, and transported him in this plight, without hindrance, through the main thoroughfares as a spectacle for a jeering multitude (Oct. 28, 1769; May 18, 1770; March 9, 1775). One cannot help asking where at such times were the selectmen, the twelve constables, the militia, Hancock and his Cadets, and the principal citizens who were so effective when fires were to be extinguished or patriotic enterprises to be executed. On the whole, Boston is now a safer place to live in for one who asserts the right to differ with his neighbors than it was in those good old days.

1764—1779

## DIARY OF JOHN ROWE

BOSTON MERCHANT

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1764

Journal begins Sept. 8, 1764.

Sept. 10. Rose very early this morning & settled with Capt. Jarvis. Wind So. West. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis put off the Long Wharf about twelve of Clock—in him went passengers M<sup>r</sup> Apthorp of Cambridge M<sup>r</sup> Binning of Halifax Mother Douglass & neice, Young Sam Wentworth & M<sup>r</sup> Kimball. Dined at home with M<sup>r</sup> Bannister & M<sup>r</sup> Inman. Was much diverted in the Common, being Training Day.

Sept. 11. Very damp morning. Wind North East. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis in Nantasket Roads. The regiment appeared in the Common this afternoon. One of the soldiers behaved saucily to his Captain upon which they called a Court Martial and ordered him to Ride the Wooden Horse, but the mob got foul of the wooden horse & broke it so that the Fellow escaped. Spent the eve'ng at the Coffee House with M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Gridley the Lawyer,

M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston & Cap<sup>t</sup> Davies. Also M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwait. Found by M<sup>r</sup> Golthwait & the Treasurer that Fletcher's bond d<sup>d</sup>ld & was sworn too yesterday & that he had given Rec<sup>ts</sup> for £6300 — & paid the Treasurer £1300 — this information pleased me very much.

Sept. 12. Went after dinner to Faneuiell & heard Clement Jackson, W<sup>m</sup> Tyng, Lewis Gray young Jarvis, young Welsh & M<sup>r</sup> Archibald Neale tried for assaulting Fletcher.

Sept. 13. Went to Court. the Jury bro<sup>t</sup> in their Verdict against Clement Jackson, W<sup>m</sup> Tyng & young Jarvis. the Rest they acquitted. Went to Court this afternoon. heard the Trial between John Bannister & M<sup>r</sup> Henderson the Judges summed up in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Bannister.

Sept. 14. The storm abated, the Sun Shining & a fair morning. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis sailed this morning from Nantasket Roads. The Jury bro<sup>t</sup> in their Verdict in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Bannister.

Sept. 15. A beautiful morning. went a fishing at Jamaica Pond. had poor luck.

Sept. 17. Rose very early before six, went with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe to Flax pond in comp<sup>y</sup> with M<sup>r</sup> Inman & S. M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Simpson & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter. were Joyned by John Lane & Henry Ayres & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tracy of Newberry. had very Good Sport. in the afternoon I lost the Top of my Rod Line & Hooks by a very large Pickerell.

Sept. 18. Dined this day at John Champney's on M<sup>r</sup> Inman's Pigg which proved Tuff & the Com-

pany as follows. Surveyor General M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau, M<sup>r</sup> Hale, M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth, M<sup>r</sup> Paxton, Solo. Davis Na<sup>l</sup> Bethune, Benj<sup>n</sup> Hallowell junr M<sup>r</sup> Butler, M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>r</sup> Lane, M<sup>r</sup> Henry Ayres, J. Rowe.

Sept. 19. Capt Tilghman arr<sup>d</sup>. In the afternoon met the Committee about M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's donation to the Town. Spent the eve'ng on board Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson.

Sept. 21. Went to Flax pond at twelve of Clock arr<sup>d</sup> there at four in the afternoon. Rained very fast. had tolerable good luck. went from there to Johnson's on Lynn Plain. when I came there found young M<sup>r</sup> Lewis & Sheriff had taken up two people that had stole Goods from Colo. Lee. Spent the eve<sup>ng</sup> at Johnson's with Sam Calef & slept there.

Sept. 22. Rose early this morning, went to Flax pond, fished with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef had great sport. caught two Pickerell one was two foot long & weighed three pounds & three quarters & about four dozen large Pond Perch, one measured fourteen inches. Cap<sup>t</sup> Lessly arrived this day from a Cruise & Got no Prizes.

Sept. 23. Did not go to Church this forenoon occasioned by the Barber not coming to shave me. Cap<sup>t</sup> Antrobus arr<sup>d</sup> in Nantasket in the Maidstone, Man of War. Just after dinner Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop & Cap<sup>t</sup> Gidyion came to our house & got a piece of a Round of Beef. Was well pleased they stayed all the afternoon & drank tea.

Sept. 24. Rose very early this morning &

settled a mistake with Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown sailed this day. Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould sent for me & told me he had some thoughts of making his will, upon which desire I called Mr Golthwait, who took from him minutes on that affair which I thought were very Just. The first was that after his debts etc were paid M<sup>rs</sup> Troutbeck was to have her fortune & the Rest to be divided between M<sup>rs</sup> Troutbeck & W<sup>m</sup> Gould & John Gould's Children, all the Furniture to M<sup>rs</sup> Troutbeck excepting the plate which is to be divided between W<sup>m</sup> Gould & her. M<sup>r</sup> Gould has given four Legacies his two sisters a hundred pounds sterling each, his Brother fifty pounds ster<sup>g</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Shaw twenty pounds & his third part of the House. Spent the eve<sup>ng</sup> at the Coffee House with the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Committee.

Sept. 25. M<sup>r</sup> Lane set out for New York with M<sup>r</sup> Thos Palmer. Cap<sup>t</sup> Pring sailed this day for Cape Fear. M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, Collector of New Haven came to town. Went in the afternoon to see old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who still continues ill of the Gout.

Sept. 28. Dined at the Turk's Head on a Barbecue with James Smith & wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Jones and wife, M<sup>r</sup> Arnold Wells & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Waldo & wife, Ezekiel Golthwait & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Imman. M<sup>r</sup> Ayers, Madam Belcher & Daughter, Miss Oliver, Miss Blowers, myself & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

Sept. 29. The *Black Act* takes place this day. M<sup>r</sup> Cockle suspended from his office yesterday at Salem, which the people at that place

Rejoiced at, by Firing Guns, making Bonfires, Entertainments, &c & the Surveyor General much applauded by the merchants in the Town of Boston for his Good & Spirited Behaviour. Entered at the Custom House Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn & Cap<sup>t</sup> Barthlet. Took a Ride this afternoon with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

October 2. Went to the Collectors and Surveyor General's about the Molasses Act who agreed the Advocate General should determine the method of gauging molasses, whether should be Winchester measure or Wine Measure. Spent the eve<sup>ng</sup> at the Posee. Settled the arbitration between Elisha Doane & M<sup>r</sup> Whitney.

Oct. 3. Spent the evening at Wednesday night Club.

Oct. 4. Went after dinner upon Boston Neck & saw John & Ann Richardson set on the Gallows for Cruelly & Willfully endeavouring to starve their Child. the man behaved in the most audacious manner so that the mob pelted him which was what he deserved. Spent the eve<sup>ng</sup> at the Charitable Society with Jos. Dowse Esq, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hammock, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard & M<sup>r</sup> Robert Jenkins — gave away Charity about twenty dollars — Cap<sup>t</sup> Brownot took away his Bag to sail for Bristol this afternoon.

Oct. 6. The post brought me letters from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth per packet dated 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Oct. 9. Intended to have met M<sup>r</sup> Henry Ayres at Flax pond but my Business would not permit me.

Oct. 10. Cap<sup>t</sup> Coffin arr<sup>d</sup> yesterday from London. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood arr<sup>d</sup> from London, also Capt Calef arr<sup>d</sup> from London, & Cap<sup>t</sup> Mallard in the ma<sup>r</sup>t ship from Lisbon. went in the afternoon to M<sup>r</sup> Rob's Funeral & was one of the Bearers.

Oct. 12. Spent the evening at Colo. Jugendts' on the Arbitration of Clement Jackson & the Underwriters.

Oct. 13. Went with Henry Ayres to Monomy pond, had very bad sport, came to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's & dined (with a numerous company)

Oct. 17. Spent the evening at the Merchnts Meeting Cap<sup>t</sup> Gardner arr<sup>d</sup> from Bristol & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hugh Montgomerie from Glasgow.

Oct. 18. Went a fishing for Smelts with M<sup>r</sup> Fenton but got none.

Oct. 19. Cleared out Cap<sup>t</sup> Barthlet, entered in Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Montgomerie. The General Court met this day.

Oct. 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & Davis sailed this morning for London. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce arr<sup>d</sup> this eve<sup>ng</sup> in Seventy Six days from London, the shortest passage ever known & bro<sup>d</sup> News of Hunter's arrival.

Oct. 21. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bennet brought me word the Gov<sup>t</sup> had stopped Barthlet which made me very Angry.

Oct. 23 M<sup>r</sup> Stetsn's Brigg arr<sup>d</sup> from Lisbon & Cap<sup>t</sup> Barnes from Cadiz. Spent the evening at Colo. Ingersoll's with M<sup>r</sup> Doane & Henderson Inches on the Arbitration between Clement Jackson & the Underwriters.

Oct. 25. The King's Accession to the Throne.



The Troop & Cadets mustered in King's St. Cap<sup>t</sup> James Montgomerie sails this day. Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall arr<sup>d</sup> from London.

Oct. 26. Went after dinner to see a Show at the White Horse wh was a very faint Representation of the City of Jerusalem, in short 'tis a great Imposition on the Publick. I dont Remember to have seen so much Rainfall in so short a time.

Oct. 28. Stopt at Church with the Church Warden & Vestry on M<sup>r</sup> Bannister's affair they chose a Committee, namely M<sup>r</sup> Doane M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Greene, M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau & M<sup>r</sup> Simpson.

Oct. 31. Dull & heavy weather. A snow arrived yesterday with Dr. Gardner's settlers for Kennebeck. This day half after twelve Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood's Brigg caught on fire occasioned by the Tar boiling over the Caboose.

November 2. Went to the Coffee House in the afternoon on an Arbitration between M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Chipman & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Davis, & Joseph Greene Esq, Solo. Davis & myself sat & finished it. Spent the eve'ng at the Masters' Lodge.

Nov. 4. Took a walk after church with M<sup>r</sup> Erving & found Cap<sup>t</sup> Sherrard arr<sup>d</sup> from Newcastle & Cap<sup>t</sup> Cockran from Newfoundland.

Nov. 5. A sorrowful accident happened this forenoon at the North End. the wheel of the carriage that the Pope was fixed on run over a Boy's head & he died instantly. The Sheriff, Justices, Officers of the Militia were ordered to destroy both S<sup>o</sup> & North End Popes. In the afternoon they got



the North End Pope pulled to pieces. they went to the S<sup>o</sup> End but could not Conquer upon which the South End people brought out their pope & went in Triumph to the Northward and at the Mill Bridge a Battle begun between the people of Both Parts of the Town. The North End people having repaired their pope, but the South End people got the Battle (many were hurt & bruised on both sides) & Brought away the North End pope & burnt Both of them at the Gallows on the Neck. Several thousand people following them, hallowing &c.

Nov. 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Caldwell arr<sup>d</sup> from St Jubes with a cargo of salt which I bought at eight shillings sterling p hhd. M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Smith told me he had secured about one hundred half Barrels of Gunpowder belonging to Gilbert Berkley of Phila. Spent the eve'ng at the Coffee House.

Nov. 7. Entered Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Caldwell, took out a register for Cap<sup>t</sup> Mitchell, gave bond for him & also for Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn's Mediterranean pass. Spent the eve'ng at the Wednesday night Club.

Nov. 8. Bought the salt out of M<sup>r</sup> Gould's ship this day. Spent part of the evening at the Coffee House. M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Amory married Miss Betty Coffin this evening there was a great company at old M<sup>r</sup> Collins on the occasion & a great Dance

Nov. 12. Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburne sailed this forenoon for Alicante with a fair wind. Spent the eve'ng at the Coffee House with Treasurer Gray, Solo. Davis, James Perkins John Boylston & Nicholas Boylston & James Warden.

Nov. 17 Agreed for M<sup>r</sup> Thompsons Estate this day at £415. Law money.

Nov. 19. A great number of vessels from Phila. Maryland, North Carolina, Providence & two from Surrinam arr<sup>d</sup> this day — also six from Nantucket.

Nov. 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arrived in Nantasket from London having the small pox on board. Spent the eve'ng at the Posee Club.

Nov. 22. Dined at the Govern<sup>rs</sup> with M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau M<sup>r</sup> Pitts, M<sup>r</sup> Erving, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Hancock, M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Wentworth, the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Lady & Dr Chauncy. In the eve'ng was at an Arbitration between M<sup>r</sup> Arnold Wells & young M<sup>r</sup> Austin of Charlestown. The Arbitrators were M<sup>r</sup> Nicho<sup>s</sup> Boylston M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Gray & myself.

Nov. 23. Spent part of the evening at the Coffee House on an Arbitration between James Russell & John Avery Esq<sup>rs</sup> against M<sup>r</sup> Aaron Porter of Halifax. The arbitrators were M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Gray, Mitabiah Bourne Esq & myself.

Nov. 24. About half past six old M<sup>r</sup> Palfrey's Chimney got on fire — made a most Terrible Blaze — the Town was much alarmed & there was some Danger.

Nov. 29. Thanksgiving Day. Went to the warehouse this forenoon & was very glad to be alone to examine my Books. Cap<sup>t</sup> Mitchell sailed this morning ab<sup>o</sup> Eight of Clock & also Cap<sup>t</sup> Logie. Both bound for London. Went after dinner to Rob<sup>t</sup> Goulds & Old M<sup>r</sup> Goulds found him much indis-

posed. M<sup>r</sup> Inman & George slept at our house to-night

December 3. Spent the eve'ng with the Committee of Merch<sup>ts</sup> & others about the Loaf Sugar. present Jos. Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thos Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Paine, M<sup>r</sup> Richard Clark, Ezek Golphwait, M<sup>r</sup> James Warden, M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Ivers, Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo. Davis, M<sup>r</sup> John Dennie, M<sup>r</sup> Mitabiah Bourne. Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Ivers Bring an Action at this Court against the Collector for asking the duty of five Shilling sterling pr hundred on Loaf Sugar cleared out at his office

Dec. 7. Major Rogers was Committed to Goal yesterday

Dec. 9. Sunday. The Vestry met after church & made Choice of Stephen Greenleaf & James Boutineau Esq<sup>r</sup> to be a Committee to defend the Law Suit M<sup>r</sup> Banister has Commenced against the church.

Dec. 10. Cap<sup>t</sup> Diamond sailed this day for London. Cap<sup>t</sup> Valentine sailed this day for Surinam. Wrote a letter to John Bannister on the affairs of the Church.

Dec. 13. Went with Nat Wheelwright, Dr Gardiner to Old M<sup>r</sup> Goulds & came to an agreement ab<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Phillips Cargo.

Dec. 16. M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth was sent for by the Governour & Interrogated by him concerning a dispute between him & the Surveyor Generall. Have had a sore throat three or four Days.

Dec. 17. Got my Letters by the packet from

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Booth & Lane. Cleard out Cap<sup>t</sup> James Oliver & dispatched him this day for Madeira.

Dec. 18. Was much out of order with a Cough & sore throat in the night, begins to snow & held tell nine of Clock. The Fortune Sloop Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop arrivd this day from Hallifax

Dec. 19. Continued very cold all the whole Day — dind at home could not go to Cambridge for the severity of the Weather. Spent the evening at the Free Mason's Lodge with thirty Brethren.

Dec. 21. My acquaintance M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>no</sup> Morley died this morning.

Dec. 22. Very cold, have been very Unwell in the Night the snow falls very fast, went with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe a Slaýing. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot in M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock's Briggatine sailed for London.

Dec. 24. Went to Town Meeting this afternoon. M<sup>r</sup> Sampson Salter was Chose a Collector of Taxes in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Harris who could not attend through Infirmary of Body. The Surveyor General & the Collector had a warm dispute this day.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day. Went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Hooper preached from 1<sup>st</sup> Chap. of the Gospel of St John & 17<sup>th</sup> Verse. I was much pleased with the Discourse. A great number of people at Church. M<sup>r</sup> Hooper sent the Box to me to collect for the poor. Dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce, Cap<sup>t</sup> Montgomery, Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake, M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Clark. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky Stayed at home all the afternoon with the above company.

Dec. 27. Dined with the Brethren of St John's Lodge being the anniversary of the feast of St John's Lodge at which were present the following Brethren Jerry Gridley Esq, W<sup>m</sup> Pourvier, Jn<sup>n</sup> Jay, Hugh M<sup>c</sup>Daniel, Ph. Dumaresque, J. Wheelwright, Seth Blodget, Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy, J. Box Jr, John Bryant, Lewis Gray, Sam Quincy, George Gardner, James Jackson, Sam Fitch, Christo' Clark, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson, Shubael Hussey, Jn<sup>n</sup> Amiel, W<sup>m</sup> Perkins, Thos. Dawes, Elias Dupee, John Perkins, And. Lapier, Jn<sup>n</sup> Blake, Henry Price, J. Rowe, Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins, Rich<sup>d</sup> Gridley, Archi<sup>d</sup> McNeal, Abram Savage, J. Cutter, Jn<sup>n</sup> Box Sen<sup>r</sup>, Jn<sup>n</sup> Gardner, Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy Jr, W<sup>m</sup> Tyng, And. Johnnot, Jos. Goltswait, James Charity. With the aforesaid company we spent the day very agreeably & very joyfully. I dont remember St John as long as I have belonged to the Fraternity has been celebrated with more decorum & more pleasure.

Dec. 30. M<sup>r</sup> Charles Apthorp came to Town last night & Brough an acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Rice's our late Organist arr'd at N. Y. in Cap<sup>t</sup> Lacy.

Dec. 31. Had a great deal of Talk with M<sup>r</sup> Bannister about his Lawsuit with Trinity Church & find him very Obstinate however he made the following proposal which I Record for Fear he should forget it, that if the Church would give him a pew & pay one hundred & fifty Ounces of Silver, besides the Charges on that amo<sup>t</sup>, he would on these Conditions give them any discharge & sign any Deed that they shall get drawn. this is as near what he said as can be.

## 1765

Jan. 1. New Years day. Dined at home with Capt. George Phillips, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, Christo Minot M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky. Went in the afternoon to young Thos. Brinley's Funerall. Bruce endeavored to go this day but was stopped by the Ice.

Jan. 2. Went the forenoon to M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Auchmootys, with M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Greene, M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau & M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Greenleaf to consult him on Bannister's action against the church.

Jan. 8. Capt Skillings arrivd this day from London after a passage of nine weeks.

Jan. 9. Cap<sup>t</sup> John Skimmer came passenger in Skillings & bro<sup>t</sup> me a letter from Jarvis. Settled the affair between M<sup>r</sup> John Denim & M<sup>r</sup> John Spooner this forenoon. The General Court met today & made a house.

Jan. 11. Went after dinner to the Court & heard the Tryal between M<sup>r</sup> Ivers & M<sup>r</sup> Hale relative to the Duties on Loaf Sugar. Very warm Debates on both sides but the Jury found for the plaintiff M<sup>r</sup> Ivers, which was generally thought a good verdict.

Jan. 12. Was called by M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>r</sup> Blake. Went to the warehouse & settled with them. Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake sailed from Hancock's Wharf about twelve of Clock with a fair wind. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dunn in Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould's Snow sailed just before Blake for So Carolina. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Ben<sup>d</sup> & Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis' Brigg sailed for Bristol.

Jan. 14. Still very cold. The Harbour almost froze over.

Jan. 15. The Trade has been much alarmed this day. M<sup>r</sup> Wheelwright stopt payment & kept in his room. A great number of people will suffer by him. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis'. the Conversation of the eve'ng was on Nat Wheelwrights affaire. M<sup>r</sup> Inman went to the Afsembly.

Jan. 18. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>r</sup> Collector Hale's at his lodgings with M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wentworth, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>r</sup> Steward Collector of New London, M<sup>r</sup> Roberston Collector of Newport, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas of Marshfield & the Comptroller of Halifax — also Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop Comm<sup>r</sup> of the Fortune Sloop of War. About half an hour after nine of Clock the Town was alarmed by the Cry of Fire which happened in an Out-house of M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Neal the Baker, did some damage but was Reduced in about an hour & half. got myself much wet.

Jan. 19. Very bad acc<sup>ts</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Scollay shut up. M<sup>r</sup> John Dennie shut up & Peter Bourne at the North End. Am like to be a large sufferer by Scollay. Extream bad & slippery walking.

Jan. 20. Was much out of order today occasioned by the Distress the Town is in, occasioned principally by the failure of M<sup>r</sup> Wheelwright. Was sent for this forenoon on My Friend Jos. Scot's affairs. he seemed greatly distressed. Was sent for by Sheriff Greenleaf on John Scollay's affairs. Did not go to Church, my mind too much disturbed.





FIRE BUCKET 1760





Jan. 21. M<sup>r</sup> Cudworth the Sheriff came here on Business & M<sup>r</sup> Cary on the Affairs of W<sup>m</sup> Has-king & C<sup>o</sup> who shut up this morning as did my Friend Joseph Scot. A General Consternation in Town, occasioned by these Repeated Bankruptcies. That the General Court which are now sitting determine to make an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, which will be very seasonable at this time. Spent the eve'ng at the Royal Exchange with the Grand Committee of Charity.

Jan. 24. Sent M<sup>r</sup> Mallet to the H after Jn<sup>o</sup> Scollay schooner. Spent the eve'ng with the Doctors & the Proprietors of Point Shirley, namely Dr Gardiner, Dr Gardiner Jun<sup>r</sup>, Dr Sprague, Dr Bullfinch, Ezk<sup>l</sup> Golphwait Esq<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>r</sup> Nat Holmes, M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock & M<sup>r</sup> Pitts. as M<sup>r</sup> Inman & I came home a fire happened at the So End in a Dutch Bake House which Burnt it down but by the Dexterity & Clever Behaviour of the South End Engine men it did not spread.

Jan. 25. Madame Hutchinson buried this afternoon.

Jan. 26. M<sup>r</sup> Arthur Savage fell down in an Apoplectick fit & soon expired. this happened yesterday in the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Kent the Lawyer's office. Spent the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches on the affairs of Clement Jackson & the Underwriters.

Jan. 30. These last four days have been the coldest of any for 12 years past together. the Harbour froze in.

Febry 2. Heard of M<sup>r</sup> Henry Bromfield's Snow being cast away at Cape Ann the night before last. About eight this eve'ng was alarmed by Fire which proved to be the Chimney of the Great House at the Head of Long Lane. The two South End Engines were there. twas a Terrible Foul Chimney.

Febry 7. Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup>Kinstosh & others tryed before M<sup>r</sup> Justice Dana & Justice Storey for the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov. affair.

Febry 12. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' with the Committee from the General Court on the Excise Act, namely James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, Thos. Gray M<sup>r</sup> Saunders of Cape Ann, M<sup>r</sup> Lee of Cambridge M<sup>r</sup> Crocker of Barnstable, Sam<sup>l</sup> Wells Esq<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Bourne of Marblehead, Rob<sup>t</sup> Hooper of ditto, W<sup>m</sup> Story, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux, Nich<sup>l</sup> Boylston, Sam<sup>l</sup> Sturgis, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup>, Jos. Henshaw, W<sup>m</sup> Richardson, Solo. Davis, John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup>, Joshua Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup> & several others, proceeded to the Choice of Managers when M<sup>r</sup> Wells, M<sup>r</sup> Hooper & M<sup>r</sup> Justice Story were Chose.

Febry 13. This Forenoon I appeared with the Petitioners on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Excise on the floor of the House & was heard on that subject. Spent the eve'ng at Solo. Davis' with the Firewards.

Febry 18. Met M<sup>r</sup> Banister, M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Simpson & M<sup>r</sup> Greenleaf on the affairs of Trinity Church & agreed the plan of settlement. M<sup>r</sup> Reed the Lawyer is ordered to prepare the writings.

Febry 21. The General Court are still on the Excise.

Febry 23. Colo. Bourne of M<sup>h</sup>ead & Jeramiel Bowers challenged each other with sword & pistol yesterday ab<sup>t</sup> the Excise.

Febry 26. Went after dinner before the Council & was heard on the floor, relative to the Excise Bill.

Mar. 4. Dined this day with Cap<sup>t</sup> James Cunningham at his house with Gen. Winslow, M<sup>r</sup> Byles the minister, Sam<sup>l</sup> Wells Joshua Henshaw Francis Wells & the officers belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cunningham's Comp<sup>y</sup> also Deacon Elliot.

Mar. 11. Made a Great Struggle about the Warden Act but could not prevail.

Mar. 13. B<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Potts cargo of Salt this day. went in the evening over to Gardners to see the Orphan acted which was miserably performed. ab<sup>t</sup> 210 persons there.

Mar. 15. M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>r</sup> Bannister went to Brush Hill & dind with Jemmy Smith.

Mar. 19. Went to the Superior Court this forenoon & heard the learned Debate before the Judges in the Case of John Bannister & others. came home to dinner & went after dinner on Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Phillips Arbitration, adjourned till tomorrow ten of Clock. Set on Clement Jackson's affairs with M<sup>r</sup> Douse & M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches and came to a Resolution to give in our Award. went in the eve'ng & heard more argument on John Bannister's Affair. both M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty & M<sup>r</sup> Otis behaved very well & I was pleased with M<sup>r</sup> Dana in this argument.

Mar. 20. M<sup>r</sup> Inman had fine Lamb today for dinner, the whole weighed 28 lbs. this is the first Lamb I have tasted this season.

Mar. 23. Went to Fanewill Hall in the afternoon there met the Committee on M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Donation, M<sup>r</sup> Otis, M<sup>r</sup> Nat. Bethune, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker, M<sup>r</sup> John Ruddock, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewall, M<sup>r</sup> John Barnat, M<sup>r</sup> Esek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait & myself. Voted that The Town accept of the Donation & that a proper piece of Ground be laid out in the Common for that use.

Mar. 24. A very heavy storm all night & this morning snow & rain very fast. The weather so very bad that M<sup>rs</sup> Row & I stayed at home from Church this forenoon — high water about half after one — the Highest Tide I have known since I have been in New England accompanied with the Greatest Storm, so the Damage it has done is almost incredible, almost every Wharf in Town has suffered, mine in particular. A number of vessels drove from their Anchors & many lost their masts. One sunk at my wharf. Went down to my wharf & several others & was amazed to see the destruction, my damage will not be Repaired for two thousand pounds, old tenor, but as it's the Providence of God, I am content about it. Visited all the Stores I hire & have not found so much Salt &c washed away as I expected.

Mar. 25. Lady Day. Town meeting. Went to my wharf & found a great deal of damage done. Went to town meeting & got the Vote accepted for M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's donation. Dined at M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Auch-

mooty's with the Surveyor General M<sup>r</sup> Hale, M<sup>r</sup> Paxton, M<sup>r</sup> Hallowell, the Comptroller M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Apthorp & Chris. Minot. Snow'd all night & the face of the Ground appears as much winter as in the midst of it.

Mar. 28. Last eve'ng the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> Wheelwright met & heard the Report of their Committee who advised them to take up with M<sup>r</sup> Charles Apthorp's proposal. Dined at Brush Hill with James Smith & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Hooper & wife, Miss Dolly Murray, Miss Polly Hooper, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky & M<sup>r</sup> Inman.

Apr. 2. Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Forbes arrivd in Town this day from Liverpool by way of Plymouth in Colo Warren's Schooner.

Apr. 5. Good Friday. After church the vestry met on M<sup>r</sup> Walters affairs & unanimously agreed to add fifty pounds Ster<sup>a</sup> P Annum to his Salary.

Apr. 7. Found myself a little Lame occasiond by wearing a pair of Shoes that pinched my Right foot & obliged me to stay at home.

Apr. 9. Easter Monday. Went to church in the forenoon & chose the Wardens, Stephen Greenleaf & Rufus Greene. Also Vestrymen, myself, James Boutineaux, Jona. Simpson, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup>, John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Gooch, Thos. Greene, Joseph Douse, Benj<sup>m</sup> Greene, James Perkins, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes, Gillam Phillips. Voted the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter fifty pounds Sterling to be added to his Salary & taxed the Pews  $\frac{1}{5}$  pt on the floor, the Gallery Pews 8<sup>d</sup> pt.

Apr. 10. The Charitable Society met this day at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' & dined, as usual, had a Genteel dinner & twenty three dined there, made choice of officers for the Year ensuing—as follows—J. Rowe Treasurer, Dr. Silvester Gardiner Deputy Treas<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Price, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coffin, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hammock, M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Greene Trustees.

Wind N E. it has Continued in this quarter 21 days, all but one half day.

Apr. 20. Agreed with M<sup>r</sup> Eben Lewis to build me a Schooner forty four foot Keel, seventeen foot Beam & seven foot  $\frac{1}{2}$  in the Hold a £19.10 p ton to have a long Quarter deck. Went after dinner round by Jamaica Pond came back to Greatons & spent an hour with James Otis, Nath Bethune, Solo. Davis, Colo Rich<sup>d</sup> Gridley, Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes & Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray.

Apr. 22. This morning M<sup>r</sup> Longly & Parker began to pull down my House in Pond Lane. Went to Fanewill Hall & met the Committee about the Town Affairs. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushion, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker, M<sup>r</sup> James Boutineaux, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Ed. Payne, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Phillips & myself.

Apr. 23. Sold the Schooners Cargo this forenoon at Publick Vendue & I think very well.

Apr. 30. M<sup>r</sup> Pickering sent me a dozen fine large Trout. Set out after dinner from Boston for Plymouth in company with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter, M<sup>r</sup> Sam Calef, Major Vassall, Joshua Loring jun<sup>r</sup> & Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow Jr. Stopt at Brackets, Braintree. reached Cushing's & spent the eve'ng & slept there.

May 1. Set out early this morning, reached Pembroke went fishing had bad luck, began to Rain which was much wanted. got to Duxbury Mills, went a fishing, had tolerable luck. dined at M<sup>r</sup> Nath. Ray Thomas on a mess of Trout. spent the eve'ng & slept there.

May 2. Set out early this morning for Plymouth. called at Silas Mortons. Reached Plymouth at ten in the forenoon. I went about my Business. dined at M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow's with him, M<sup>rs</sup> Winslow, Miss Penny & Miss Sally Winslow, Major Vafsall, Jos. Loring, Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow Jr. M<sup>r</sup> Walter, M<sup>r</sup> Calef & M<sup>r</sup> Pelham Winslow. Spent the eve'ng at the same place with the same company & Miss Joanna White. Slept at Cap<sup>t</sup> White's — engaged fish from several people this afternoon.

May 3. Breakfasted at Capt Whites. Went a fishing with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Watson, had very good sport. I caught one very large Trout & several other very fine ones. Dined at Colo. Geo. Watson's with M<sup>r</sup> Walter, M<sup>r</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Watson & daughter. Set out after dinner for home. Stopt at Pembroke at Spears & got in the eve'ng to Cushings. there met M<sup>r</sup> Gill of Boston. spent the eve'ng & slept there. heard of Whitmarsh sailing.

May 4. Hingham. Breakfasted at Cushings stopt at Bracketts, there settled the reckoning. Reached home between 10 & 11 in the forenoon.

May 6. Two Gentlemen came fr Newberry to sell a Cargo of Coals which I Bought.

May 10. Went in the evening to Concert Hall



at an entertainment of the Officers of the Army & Navy. A Great Number of Gentlemen & Ladies there & a Genteel pretty entertainment.

May 11. Went fishing at Manotomy Pond with Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef had very good Sport, dined at Winship's, the tavern there & fished there in the afternoon had also very Good Sport, we caught at least ten doz<sup>n</sup> of Pond Perch & several Pickerel, came home & spent the evening at the "Possee."

May 14. This day the Town of Boston chose Representatives namely

James Otis	Esq <sup>r</sup>	388	Votes
Oxna Thatcher	"	427	"
Thos' Cushing	"	538	"
Thos' Gray	"	570	"

I myself had 238 votes. The number of votes was 641.

May 16. Cap<sup>t</sup> Edwards arriv'd from the Isle of Wight in five weeks. He came out in Comp<sup>ny</sup> with Jarvis. A Brigg from Salter — also arr'd.

May 19. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter sailed early this morning from below, this forenoon arr'd two vessels from Bristol, Cap<sup>t</sup> Southcot in a Snow & Cap<sup>t</sup> Canidge in a Brigg both consigned to M<sup>r</sup> James Griffin. Col. Henry Vassall sailed this afternoon in Cap<sup>t</sup> Phillips for Antigua. Cap<sup>t</sup> Logie came ashore after church with Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall from London. Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis is also arr'd fr London.

May 24. Went to Lynn after dinner with M<sup>r</sup> John Lane & spent the eve'ng at Tapley's with

M<sup>r</sup> Hale, M<sup>r</sup> Lane & M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Apthorp. Stayed at Tapley's all night.

May 25. Rose very early, went to Flax Pond & breakfasted there with Miss Becky, went a fishing, had great sport, dined with Miss Becky, M<sup>r</sup> Hale, M<sup>r</sup> Geo Apthorp, M<sup>r</sup> J. Lane & M<sup>r</sup> Inman — came home with M<sup>r</sup> Hale & spent the evening with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter found Old M<sup>rs</sup> Graves dead.

May 29. Colo. Chandler chose Councillor in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Hancock. Went to Fresh Pond & dined with M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Fanewill Sen<sup>r</sup> & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Bethune & wife, Major J<sup>no</sup> Vafsall & wife M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaff & wife, M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>no</sup> Coffin & wife M<sup>r</sup> Frollet, M<sup>rs</sup> Cutter & Solo. Davis.

May 30. Went to Doctor Sewall's meeting & heard Dr Chauncy preach. Went in the eve'ng at Blodgets with a Number of the General Court where they were Shoeing Colts — that is, the New Members that are Chosen treat the Council & House of Representatives.

May 31. This day my Warehouse fell in with fish. Went to Town Meeting this afternoon, adjourned till this day Week.

June 3. Artillery Election — Went to the Brick Meeting & heard M<sup>r</sup> Gad. Hitchcock of Pembroke preach from the 21<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St. James & 1<sup>st</sup> Verse. Went in the afternoon to old M<sup>r</sup> Letchmere's funeral.

June 4. King's Birthday. Went early in the morning with W<sup>m</sup> Sheaff & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Manotomy pond. had very Good Sport fishing — were joyned

by Solo. Davis & Geo. Bethune—we all dined together at Wyndships—Mr Sheaff & I went fishing at Fresh Pond in the afternoon.

June 5. Dined at home on a trout that measured 18 inches with Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwait, Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jarvis & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe It has rained all day which was much wanted & came by the providence of God in Good Time. Spent the eve'ng at the Charitable Society.

June 10. Mr Miller began to mow the Land next the Barn.

June 19. This morning our fishermen caught a large fish in the shape of a Shark Twenty foot long, his Teeth were different from a Shark's teeth—Went after dinner to Jamaica pond with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson, had pretty good Sport.

June 20. This day they cut up the Fish & filled two large hogsheads with his Liver. Went in the afternoon to Fresh Pond with Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef.

June 23. Dined at home with Mr J Lane, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky W<sup>m</sup> Speakman & Cap<sup>t</sup> Buddicome that arr<sup>d</sup> from London last night, in whom came passenger Mr Arthur Savage who is appointed Comptroller of Falmouth, Casco Bay.

June 25. Went after dinner to Fresh Pond with Sam. Calef & Geo. Apthorp, found Mr James Perkins & Lady there—had pretty sport. I hooked a Turtle to the best of my Judgement must weigh 30 pounds.

June 27. This afternoon Mr David Wheeler tryd his New Engine & it play'd very well.

June 28. I went to Marblehead about Ten of Clock & dined at Major Reed's with Cap<sup>t</sup> Southcote & two Frenchmen. Paid a visit to several of my Friends & came away about six got to Flax Pond alias Gravesend & there met M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef. wee fished & supped & stayed there all night — very agreeably entertained.

July 2. Paid a Visit to W<sup>m</sup> Gould & found his Affairs under a Cloud.

July 3. Rose very early this morning & went with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Natick Pond. was obliged to stop three hours at Pratt's at Needham it rained so hard, however wee had very good sport. Dined at Bullard's on Fish which M<sup>rs</sup> Bullard dressed very well. In the afternoon came Colo. Brattell, Colo. Danforth, Col Watts on affairs of the Government.

July 5. Dined at home with M<sup>r</sup> James Welsh, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Walker, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson, Christo Minot, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, Sam Calef, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky. Christo Minot was very wroth with M<sup>r</sup> Inman for Introducing some ster<sup>d</sup> Madeira on his New Coat from one of the Leghorn Glasses not well managed.

July 9. M<sup>r</sup> Inman had an unlucky Fall in getting on his horse wh Bruised him. this eve'ng M<sup>r</sup> Scolley's Creditors met at the Coffee House & made Choice of W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, John Erving & myself to act as Trustees in his affairs.

July 13. Rose very early this morning, went to Monotomy Pond with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty & M<sup>r</sup> Sam Calef had great sport, we caught above

sixteen doz<sup>n</sup> of pond & sea perch — made a Rough Day of it & came home in the evening & spent it at home with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter who had taken umbrage at M<sup>r</sup> Hooper's behaviour which I endeavoured to Reconcile & hope shall be able to effect it.

July 16. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter & John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup> came to breakfast. A misunderstanding having happened between M<sup>r</sup> Hooper & M<sup>r</sup> Walter was very happily made up this forenoon.

July 17. Commencement Day, went to Cambridge. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Polly Hooper & Suky — dined at Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslows Room, a very Large Company.

July 18. Went to Town early this morning, staid till noon. went to Cambridge & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Hooper's with a very Large Company after dinner visited Col. Fowler, Colo. Stoddard M<sup>r</sup> Ed<sup>wd</sup> Winslow. In the evening went to the Town House to a Dance with a very Large Company. Colo. Sparhawk's Son made it, he desired me to officiate as Master of the Ceremony which I did to Oblige him.

July 19. Set out with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef for M<sup>rs</sup> Prat's at Milton. (Welles house, Beals & afterwards Brook's house, now moved to E. Milton, M<sup>rs</sup> P. M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty's daughter & her daughter Bella married Sam<sup>l</sup> Wells.)

July 20. Rose very early this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Calef, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty & myself went to a pond beyond the Blue Hills & put up at M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Gooch — went fishing — had very fine Diversion — the weather very hot — came from thence to M<sup>r</sup>

James Smiths' & dined with him & wife, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Winslow the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty & his Daughter Bella, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Auchmooty & wife — M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple & wife — M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe — M<sup>rs</sup> Prat Polly Overing & Miss Bella Prat & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef.

July 24. This afternoon spent on Benj<sup>m</sup> & Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis' arbitration — M<sup>r</sup> Gerry came to Town & brought an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Niger, Man of War, taking three Schooners out of the Harbour of St. Peters, one belonging to his Father & two to Epps Sargent.

July 27. Rose very early this morning. went with M Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Cap<sup>t</sup> Kendrick's on Charles River a fishing — had very good sport — dined there with James Pitts & wife, James Boudoin, Esq. & wife, James Boutineau & wife, Melabiah Bourn & wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Erving, Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Nicho. Boylston, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, Miss Hannah Flucker — Went to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's after dinner — there I met M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes & wife — drank tea there, came home & spent the evening at home.

Aug. 5. Was much alarmed in hearing Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes in bad circumstances. went to the Coffee House on Arbitration between Cap<sup>t</sup> Geo. St Barb & Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Robins with Nat. Bethune & Melabiah Bourne.

Aug. 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes shut up his shop this day — am much grieved for him, as he is An Old Acquaintance & Friend. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' with Jerry Gridley, Bro. Daniel, Bro. Jenkins, Bro. Cutter, Bro. Box Sen<sup>r</sup>, Bro. Joseph Gard-

ner, Bro. Fitch, Bro. Savage, Bro. Quincy — they came to the choice of a Treasurer in Room of Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes — they unanimously chose myself.

Aug. 11. Cap<sup>t</sup> Harlow arrived from Bristol & brought the Good News that M<sup>r</sup> Pitt was again in the Ministry.

Aug. 12. Dined this day on board the Jamaica, Man of War with Cap<sup>t</sup> Gidoin, Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop, The Surveyor General, M<sup>r</sup> Temple, M<sup>r</sup> Paxton, M<sup>r</sup> Hale, M<sup>r</sup> Hallowell Sen<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> B. Hallowell Jun<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Jordan, a gentleman from Barbadoes, Major Vafsall, Colo. Phipps, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmer, Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthorp, Geo. Apthorp, M<sup>r</sup> Peet Lieut of the Jamaica, Christo Minot & M<sup>r</sup> Sam Wentworth — came ashore about six of Clock & spent the Evening at the Coffee House with Treasurer Gray, Nicho. Boylston, John Boylston, James Otis, Melabiah Bourn, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux & Solo. Davis.

Aug. 13. Dined at the Turk's Head on a Barbikue with the following persons — James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup> & wife, The Treas. Gray & wife, The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Foster, Hutchinson Esq & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Hughes & wife, M<sup>r</sup> James Perkins & wife, Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Davis & wife, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaff & wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Armiel & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Ralph Inman & M<sup>r</sup> Rowe — Cap<sup>t</sup> Freeman, M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth's vessell & Job Prince's Brigg all three sailed for London this day.

Aug. 14. A Great Number of people assembled at Deacon Elliots Corner this morning to see the Stamp Officer hung in Elligy with a Libel on the Breast, on Deacon Elliot's tree & along side him a



Boot stuffed with representation, which represented the Devil coming out of Burk — this stamp officer hung up all Day — at night they cut him down, layd him out & carried in Triumph amidst the acclamations of many thousands who were gathered together on that occasion. They proceeded from the S<sup>o</sup> End down the Main Street, through the Town House & Round by Oliver's Dock — they pull'd down a New Building which some people thought was building for a Stamp Office & did some Mischief to M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Oliver's house (which I think they were much to blame).

Aug. 16. Heard that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Oliver had resigned his Commission in Form on which there was great Rejoicing the last evening in Boston.

Vol II of the Diary from Aug 16<sup>th</sup> 1765 to April 11<sup>th</sup> 1766 (pages 186 to 323 inclusive) is missing.

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1766, April 11. A fine soft morning — dind at home with M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Suekey. M<sup>r</sup> John Scolleys Creditors met at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis this afternoon I was obliged to attend some other Business so could not be there — in the Evening I went to Dr Sewalls Lecture & heard M<sup>r</sup> Blair preach a very serious Discourse.

April 12. Wet & rainy — In the afternoon finished with Cap<sup>t</sup> Rowland and went over to Gardner's with Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis where we found M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston,



M<sup>r</sup> James Perkins, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef and M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray — who wee stayd with an hour.

13 April. Sunday. Capt George Rolland sailed for Antigua in Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce's Ship. I went to Church in the forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers and M<sup>r</sup> Hooper Preached — this I think was a very Judicious discourse. When I came home I heard of an Express being Brought to town giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Repeal of the Stamp Act, which I examined into & found the greatest probability of its being true & passed by the House of Commons on Feb'y the 8<sup>th</sup> last by a great majority, which appear<sup>d</sup> by a letter of that date from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Day & Son to M<sup>r</sup> Maxwell their Correspondent in Petaxion River, Maryland. in the afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Hooper Read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached — this was a very elegant Discourse — and much admired.

April 14. The Selectmen met this forenoon to consider & fix on a Day for Rejoicing.

Apr. 15. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dobson arr'd last even'g from Newcastle consigned to me, belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Brown of Whitley. Cap<sup>t</sup> Calef arrived from London this afternoon — he left the Downs the 20 febry. He Brought good news ab<sup>o</sup> our American Affairs, but no certainty of the Repeal of the Stamp Act. I spent the afternoon with the Select Men — Colo. Jackson, John Ruddock, John Hancock, W<sup>m</sup> Phillipp & Timothy Newall. We let Deer Island to the Pratts at forty pound p annum for seven years & Boston Neck to Gideon Gardiner at sixty pounds p annum.

Apr. 16. Cap<sup>t</sup> Cahoon arr'd from Glasgow & brought acc<sup>ts</sup> that correspond with Capt. Calef's.

Apr. 17. The Select Men met this morning & appointed Monday next to be a Town Meeting.

Apr. 18. Cap<sup>t</sup> McClean arrived from Ireland & confirms the acc<sup>t</sup> of the Stamp Act being repealed. in the afternoon I took a walk over the neck with M<sup>r</sup> John Timmins & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray.

April 19. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson arrived in Nantasket from London.

Apr. 21. A Town Meeting this Forenoon to agree on a method of Rejoicing & Illuminations.

April 22. I went this morning with M<sup>r</sup> Coor to M<sup>r</sup> Foxcraft's at Cambridge about some Business & Returned to dinner. In the afternoon I went as a Relation to the funeral of M<sup>r</sup> Edward Churchs wife.

Apr. 23. M<sup>r</sup> William Marlet came this morning to take his leave of me & go for New York this forenoon. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bryant sailed from Nantasket Road this morning in the Sloop Chagford for Antigua. Spent the eve'ng at Cap<sup>t</sup> Cunningham's with the Firewards. The Select Men met this afternoon at Fanueil Hall.

April 24. Thursday — went to Cambridge this Forenoon & Rode my Colt for the first Time — went to Church & heard M<sup>r</sup> Agar Read prayers & preach. dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's with the Surveyor Generall M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple, M<sup>r</sup> Henry Loyd & M<sup>r</sup> George Apthorp who set out after dinner for New York. came home & went to see M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Vassall

ab<sup>o</sup> his Brother Henry' Affairs. This day was Appointed by the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council for a fast Day — which is generally appointed once a year.

Apr. 25. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>r</sup> Blodgetts with the Grand Lodge — this eve'ng a Committee from St. Andrews Lodge presented a Memorial to the Grand Lodge upon which they appointed a Committee to meet them on Monday eve'ng & adjourned to next Friday eve'ng.

27 April. went to Church in the afternoon. M<sup>r</sup> Hooper Read prayers and M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached this discourse of M<sup>r</sup> Walters I Esteem'd much and think it is a very Beneficial & excellent sermon and was admired by all his Hearers. After Church I went and p<sup>d</sup> a visit to see Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould who has got the Gout pretty Smartly.

28 April. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens Chambers being, the last Monday, with Colo Jackson, John Hancock, Samuel Sewall, Deacon Newall & W<sup>m</sup> Phillips.

29 April. I went this morning with W<sup>m</sup> Vafsall Esq<sup>r</sup> to Cambridge & stopt at Francis Foxcrafts Esq<sup>r</sup> where wee finished the signing of M<sup>r</sup> Dinely' Papers — din'd at Major Vafsall's.

Apr. 30. The Select Men met this forenoon & gave orders for a Town Meeting next Tuesday. In the afternoon I went to M<sup>r</sup> Chukly's meeting to the ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Bowen. A Country minister prayed — Dr. Chauncy preached, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chukly Sen<sup>r</sup> gave the Charge & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Cooper the Right Hand of Fellowship.

May 1. Dind at M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Goulds with him & M<sup>rs</sup> Gould Betty & Sally Gould. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>r</sup> Kennedy — after Dinner came Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo Davis & M<sup>r</sup> N. Bethune to drink Welch Ale. Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis saild for London the forenoon by whom I sent M<sup>r</sup> Foxcrofts papers.

May 3. Dined at the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Isaac Royal Esq at Medford with him & Lady. Miss Polly & Miss Betty Royal, Gen. Brattle, Treas<sup>r</sup> Gray, James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup>, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Nath. Sparhawk. Spent part of the eve'ng at the Possee & the remainder at home.

May 6. Town Meeting this forenoon for the Choice of Representatives for the Year ensuing. The number of Voters were 746 — the Town made

Choice of	James Otis	573
	M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Adams	691
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Cushing	622
	Jn <sup>n</sup> Hancock	427

I had 309 votes.

May 8. About half-past eleven I set out from our house with M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Davis for Taunton — at two of Clock we reached Stones at Stoughton, we dined there & went forward through Easton Woods & stopped at Howards & reached Taunton at seven of Clock. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Treat Paine's, the Lawyer & Slept at M<sup>c</sup>Quarter's.

May 9. Went with M<sup>r</sup> Ben<sup>jn</sup> Davis to see M<sup>r</sup> Stetson at Dighton, found him in great Confusion, after I had discoursed with him on his affairs I came back with M<sup>r</sup> B. Davis & dined at M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Quarters

at Taunton where I met a number of my acquaintances, namely Colo. White, Col. Richmond & his two Sons, Colo. Leonard & many others ab<sup>o</sup> half after two we set out from M<sup>c</sup>Quarters for Boston & stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Heingman's at Easton who lives on Colo. Brattles Farm—we set out from thence ab<sup>o</sup> five of Clock & stopt at Colo. Doty's at Stoughton. We supped & slept there & I set it down as an extraordinary house of Entertainment & very Good Beds.

May 10. We breakfasted at Colo. Doty's & I met M<sup>r</sup> Abel Puffer who lives hard by, who tells me that he understood the Cure of a Bite by a Rattle Snake. About nine of Clock we set out from thence & called at Colo. Oliver's at Dorchester & reached home about twelve of Clock. In the afternoon I went over to Roxbury Plain where I spent two hours with M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck & wife & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson. M<sup>r</sup> Auchmooty came there, I had some conversation with him ab<sup>o</sup> the nature of attachments on the Bankrupt Act.

May 13. Rose very early this morning & set out for Hopkinton on my old mare—got to Woodburns at nine of Clock & reached Colo. Jones at Hopkinton at twelve—I went to the Brook with Charles & caught a fine Red Trout—measured 14 Inches & several other Fish. Dined at Colo. Jones with him & wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Nazro & Colo. Jones daughter. after dinner came Deacon Russell, Thomas Millens & wife & James Millens—after many debates we adjusted their acc<sup>t</sup> & settled them. Slept there.

May 14. Roes early. I went & tryed to get some trout but could not. Came away from Colo Jones after breakfast & stopt at Cap<sup>t</sup> Drury's at Framingham as it rained hard — got to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's (at Cambridge) at two in the afternoon.

May 16. Cap<sup>t</sup> Shubael Coffin arr'd from London ab<sup>o</sup> 11 of Clock & bro<sup>t</sup> the Glorious News of the total Repeal of the Stamp Act which was signed by his Majesty King George the 3<sup>d</sup> of Ever Glorious Memory, which God long preserve & his Illustrious House.

May 18. This being Whit Sunday M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Hooper preached. Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake & Cap<sup>t</sup> Strand both arr'd from London this forenoon. Went to church in the afternoon, M<sup>r</sup> Hooper read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached. Both M<sup>r</sup> Hooper's & M<sup>r</sup> Walter's discourses were much admired — after church the Vestry met ab<sup>o</sup> cleaning the Organ & voted it to be cleaned.

May 19. This day is the Joyfull Day indeed for all America & all the people are to Rejoice this day for the Joyful News Bro<sup>t</sup> their vessels from London that the Stamp Act is Repealed. Dined at Colo Ingersoll's with Twenty Eight Gentlemen — we drank fifteen Toasts & very Loyal they were & suited to the Occasion. In the evening there was very Grand Illuminations all over the Town. In the Common there was an Obelisk very beautifully Decorated & very grand fire works were displayed. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock behaved very well on this occasion & treated every Person with Cheerfulness. I contrib-

uted as much to the General Joy as Any Person. The whole was much admired & the day Crowned with Glory & honour.

May 20. Set out early this morning for Hardwick with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef. Reached M<sup>r</sup> Woodburn's before nine, then joyned Major Golthwait, from thence we got to Sudbury at Bryant's & from thence to Sister Speakman's at Marlborough. There wee dined with M<sup>r</sup> Henry Barnes, M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman, M<sup>rs</sup> Instant & Miss Betsy Leddell. After dinner wee set out for Shrewsbury & Reached Furnefs' at six. M<sup>r</sup> Calef & I went to the Great Worcester pond & caught Two doz<sup>n</sup> of fine Perch which wee Brought to Furnefs' & supp<sup>d</sup> on. Slept there & got up early &

May 21 passed through Holden. Reached Dr. Parkers at Rutland at eight of Clock called on Colo. Murray. Passed through Oakum & a part of New Braintree & crossed Ware River got in Hardwick at Cap<sup>t</sup> Paul Mendall's at One. Dined at Brigadier Ruggles with a very large Company, after dinner went to Vendue where M<sup>r</sup> Thomas' things were sold. Spent the eve'ng at Brigadier Ruggles' with him, Colo. Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Abram Savage, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Blake M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef & Major Golthwait.

May 22. Breakfasted with the Brigadier & went to Hardwick Fair where there were a large company of People. Dined at Brig<sup>r</sup> Ruggles with a very large Company among them M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Spooner & Lady which I much admired also Miss Betty Ruggles. In the afternoon I attended the Vendue — had some conversation with M<sup>r</sup> Asa Hatch & M<sup>rs</sup>



Hatch who I concluded should remain on the Farm.

May 23. After doing my Business Major Goltwait M<sup>r</sup> Calef & I set out for Rutland from Hardwick We reached Colo. Murray's & dined there with him & lady — M<sup>rs</sup> Bliss, Miss Betty Murray & Miss Chrissy Green — after dinner we went & caught a mess of Trout. In the evening they had Great Rejoicings at Rutland — they behaved very well, had a large Bonfire & many sky Rockets which I put them in a way to fire — there was a Genteel entertainment at ye Tavern. afterwards wee returned to Colo. Murray's where there was a Grand Supper & entertainment prepared & Many Loyal Healths drank. We then retired to bed.

May 24. Wee rose early this morning & breakfasted with Colo. Murray & set out for home ab<sup>o</sup> nine in the morning. Wee stopt at Shrewsbury at Furness' & Reached Marlborough at two. We dined at Sister Speakman's. Ab<sup>o</sup> 4 of Clock wee set out & Reached Sudbury at six & proceeded to Woodburn's, Reached it at eight — set out at nine & reached home at eleven.

May 28. Election Day. M<sup>r</sup> Otis was chosen speaker of the House, but negatived by the Governor M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams who had a great zeal for Liberty was chosen Clark of the House by one vote I went to meeting & heard M<sup>r</sup> Barnard of Haverhill preach the Election Sermon from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap. Nehemiah & the 19<sup>th</sup> Verse I think this a sensible discourse & very Politic. I dined with the Gover-



nour, Council &c at Fanewill Hall. The following Gentlemen were Chose of his Majesty's Council — Sam<sup>l</sup> Danforth, Isaac Royal, John Erving Sen<sup>r</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Brattle, James Boudoin, Tho<sup>s</sup> Hubbard, Israel Williams, Harrison Gray, James Russell, Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker, Nath. Ropes, Timothy Paine, Royal Tyler, Andrew Belcher, John Chandler, Joseph Gerrish, James Pitts, Tho<sup>s</sup> Saunders — Gam. Bradford, James Otis Sen<sup>r</sup>, Sam<sup>l</sup> White, Jerahmiel Bowers, John Hill, Nat. Sparhawk, John Bradbury, Jery Powell, Benj<sup>n</sup> Lincoln & Sam<sup>l</sup> Dexter Esq<sup>rs</sup>.

May 29. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing was chosen Speaker in the room of M<sup>r</sup> Otis who the Governour approved of. This day the Governour negatived six Councillors viz Colo. Otis — Colo. Sparhawk, Colo. Gerrish of Newberry, Colo. Bowers of Swanzev, M<sup>r</sup> Dexter of Dedham & M<sup>r</sup> Saunders of Gloster — this occasions great murmurings in some & rejoicings in others. Spent part of the afternoon with the House of Representatives in Shoeing Colts.

June 2. Artillery Election — Went to Meeting this forenoon the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Brown of Cohasset preached from the 5<sup>th</sup> Chap. to the Ephesians & 13<sup>th</sup> Verse. Dined by invitation with the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council at Fanewill Hall & spent part of the afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Ju<sup>n</sup> Hancock's.

June 4. The King's Birthday & a great Holliday.

June 5. Was summoned to Court on a Dispute between Arnold Wells & Cap<sup>t</sup> Christo. Prince — Heard the tryal between Colo. Brattle & Colo. Mur-

ray — the Jury found thirty pounds damages for Colo. Brattle. In the afternoon was obliged to Attend Court again — heard the tryal between Charles Ward Apthorp & Co. & M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Pattershall which went in fav<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Pattershall. Spent the eve'ng at Colo. Ingersolls with the Charitable Society.

June 6. In the afternoon I went to Court & heard the tryal between the Commissioners of the Land Bank & the Heirs of Rentham which was a perplexed Cause & was in favour of the Land Bank Commissioners. Spent the eve'ng at the Possee.

June 7. I went this forenoon to Needham a fishing with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Knights, M<sup>r</sup> John Stevenson & M<sup>r</sup> Archib<sup>d</sup> McNeal — we had middling luck — there is a Trout Brook empties itself into Charles River ab<sup>o</sup> a mile & half beyond Dedham Island Crossway — dined under a large apple tree & fished again.

June 8. heard of the Death of M<sup>r</sup> Nat Wheelwright at Guadaloupe.

June 10. Gen. Ruggles & M<sup>r</sup> Otis had some disputes & hard language this day on the Floor of the Town House We had this eve'ng the bad news of Colo. Malbone's fine house on Rhode Island being burnt down on Saturday last.

June 12. Rose early this morning & landed some casks out of an Eastern sloop. Colo. Bowers & I went to his honour the Lieut. Governour & got a statute taken out against Eben<sup>r</sup> Stetson.

June 15. About half after six a fire broke out at

the North End & consumed Dr Clarks barn & several other houses took fire but by the Dexterity of the people wee soon extinguished it. I was much wet & tired & came home & went to bed.

June 16. Rose very early & went to the Lieut. Governor's at Milton & got him to appoint Trustees for Eb. Stedson's affairs — namely Colo. Bowers, Colo. Job. Winslow & myself.

17 June. This morning Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter arr<sup>d</sup> from London in a short passage. The wind South East & a splendid Rain, which was very seasonable, at this time being very Dry — din'd this day on a Tortois, at M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaffe — Cap<sup>t</sup> Duncan Ingram arrived from Surrinam last evening.

18 June. A plentiful Rain & the weather Cold. I spent the afternoon with the Selectmen & the evening at the Coffee house. Cap<sup>t</sup> Geneste arrived from Liverpool.

20 June. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brayley arrived from Biddeford this morning. I paid the Normans a visit & heard of the loss of Cap<sup>t</sup> Gwynn's ship on the Isle of Sables.

21 June. Went with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Monotomy Pond, din'd there & went fishing, had very Good Sport, caught seven doz<sup>n</sup> of Perch.

23 June. Cap<sup>t</sup> Birney sailed for London this morning. After dinner I went to Monotomy Pond with Archib<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Neal & M<sup>r</sup> Knight had pretty Good Sport.

June 24. St. John's Day. Dined at M<sup>r</sup> John Greatons at Roxbury with Jer'y Gridley Esq<sup>r</sup> &

thirty nine other Brethren of the Fraternity. there was an elegant entertainment. Spent the eve'ng at the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Meeting & adjourned until that day month.

June 25. The Select Men, Overseers of the Poor & a Number of the Ministers of the Town & Country with a Number of other Gentlemen went & visited the schools of this Town & we found them in Good Order. the Number of Scholars in the North writing School are 251. In the South writing School 263. in M<sup>r</sup> Lovells Latin School 130. in the North Latin School — We all dined together in Fanewill Hall where there was a Genteel Entertainment and everything went on with Pleasure &c — among the company I invited M<sup>r</sup> Luis, a young gentleman from London.

June 26. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & I Rose very early & went to Bullards at Natick where I sent for M<sup>r</sup> Louis ab<sup>o</sup> some Inch & Quarter Oak Boards & agreed with him for as many as he & his neighbours Could Bring. We went fishing at Natick Pond & had very good sport. Dined at Bullard's with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson went down to Charles River & fished there. wee had very Good Sport.

June 28. We got in all our hay. I spent two hours with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson on Jamaica Pond, wee had poor Luck.

July 2. Rose very early this morning & set out for Taunton. Stopt at Colo. Doty's at Steughton. was joined there by Tim<sup>o</sup> Folger, & M<sup>r</sup> Swaine & Kennedy. went on to Kingman's at Easton & from

thence passed by Winnisconnet & Seadding Ponds & Reached Taunton at two. Dined at M<sup>r</sup>Quarters with Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger, M<sup>r</sup> Swain, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins & M<sup>r</sup> Isaacs of Swanzy. I went to Eben. Stedsons at Dighton spent the eve'ng with him & slept there.

July 3. Colo. Bowers & Colo. Winslow Trustees of Stedson came & wee went to Colo. Richmond the Sheriff & showed his son the Judges warrant & Got him to read my Bill of Sale for the Briggatine Abigail, before the said Bowers & Winslow. this was the young gentleman the Sheriff, for the Colo. was gone out, for in my way from Taunton I met the old Colo. & agreed to meet him at Taunton on Monday week following. din'd at Cap<sup>t</sup> Cobbs with him & wife & in the afternoon reached Colo. Doty's at Stoughton & slept there.

July 4. Rose very early & set off. It rained so hard that I was obliged to stop at Milton & at Kent's at Dorchester & Greateon's, when I came there found a Large Company was going to dine on Turtle. I stayed there to accompany them.

5 July. After Dinner I went to old M<sup>r</sup> Gould's with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe to see M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth who I found very weak & Low. Spent ab<sup>o</sup> an hour a fishing with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson, had Little Sport.

6 July. Cap<sup>t</sup> Gwynn arriv'd from the Isl<sup>d</sup> of Sables in a schooner belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Soamer.

July 7. A schooner, Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes from S<sup>o</sup> Carolina put in here in distress & valued himself on me.

July 8. Rose very early & went with M<sup>r</sup> Armiel to Fresh Pond. Had very poor Sport, caught but a

dozen of Perch. Dined at Prentice's with a very large company.

July 9. This morning at five of Clock the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Mayhew died much lamented by Great Numbers of people.

July 10. Gave M<sup>r</sup> Lander £8415 Connecticut money to exchange — the interest thereon 21-5-9.

July 11. A very hot day — the thermometer up to ninety. In the afternoon I went to the funeral of Dr. Mayhew which was a very large one. The Corps was proceeded by the Gentlemen of his Parish being fifty-seven Couple of Gentlemen then followed the Corps. The Bearers were M<sup>r</sup> Appleton, M<sup>r</sup> Gay of Hingham, Dr. Chauncey M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton, M<sup>r</sup> Elliot & M<sup>r</sup> Cooper. Then the mourners, then the Ladies & women of his Parish, then the Clergy & Gentlemen of the Town & fifty-seven carriages among them sixteen Coaches & Chariots. Dr. Chauncey prayed in the Meetinghouse before the corps was carried out.

July 14. Rose very early & sent Kennedy to Taunton. Cap<sup>t</sup> Giddins arriv'd from Halifax last night also Cap<sup>t</sup> Cathcart & Cap<sup>t</sup> Sherrard from S Carolina M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Jones arriv'd from Goldsborough this morning & Cap<sup>t</sup> Atwood from Halifax.

July 16. Commencement Day. I went to Cambridge with M<sup>rs</sup> R. & dined at the Hall with the Governour & Council, President, Tutors &c. After dinner I went & visited M<sup>r</sup> Sparhawk, Colo. Pitman M<sup>r</sup> Douse, M<sup>r</sup> Epps Sergeant, Colo. Jarvis Cap<sup>t</sup> Cobb. Spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Inmans and slept there.

July 17. Came to Town & got Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Skinner clear at the Custom House. I went to Cambridge & visited the same gentleman as yesterday, was very merry. in the eve'ng Colo. Sparhawk had a Gentee Ball at the Townhouse. M<sup>r</sup> Pepperell desired me to officiate as Master of the Ceremony. The whole was conducted very clever. Slept at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's.

July 19. After dinner I went over to the Governour's to get Cap<sup>t</sup> Dobson's Lumber Certificate signed. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bennet arr'd from Madeira.

July 20. Sunday. I went down my wharf & sent away the Cap<sup>t</sup> Skinner for Oporto, & Cap<sup>t</sup> Dobson for Whitby. Cap<sup>t</sup> Calef also sailed for London.

July 21. Set out early this morning, reached Colo. Doty's at Eight of Clock. Got to the Wid<sup>o</sup> Noyes at Stoughtonham at half past nine. Stopt at Kingman's & reached Taunton at one. Dined at M<sup>r</sup>Quarters. After dinner M<sup>r</sup> Sheriff Richmond & I spent two hours at Colo. White's about Eben Stedson's affairs. From thence I went to M<sup>r</sup> Stedson's & arrived there with Colo.<sup>l</sup> Job Winslow till eight. Called at young Col<sup>l</sup> Richmond's & spent an hour with him M<sup>r</sup> Crook of Newport. Then I returned to Taunton & slept at M<sup>r</sup>Quarters.

22 July. Rose very early & set out for Boston with Kennedy — got to the Widow Noye's at nine o'clk — began to be extreme hot weather — got to M<sup>r</sup> James Smiths & dined there with him & wife & Miss Dorothy Murray.



July 23. Cap' Robert Montgomerie Cleared this forenoon.

July 24. Thanksgiving Day. I went with M<sup>rs</sup> R. to Brush Hill & dined there with James Smith & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Murray.

July 25. Cap' Montgomery sailed this day. I spent the afternoon with the Creditors of Eben<sup>r</sup> Stedson at Cordis' the Creditors made choice of Joshua Winslow Esq., Colo. White of Taunton & Myself. I was called as an Evidence on the Tryal between Scollay & Dunn. I was very sorry the Jury dismissed Cap' Dunn's action & think he has been vilely used.

26 July. I settled with Cap' Thomas Forbes who sailed for London. Cap' Robertson arriv'd from Gibraltar in a Ship belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Lane, Cap' Farr. After dinner I went to see M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth who thinks he is on the mending hand.

27 July. Cap' Ashburn arriv'd from the Straights. The Fortune Man of War, Cap' Bishop sailed this forenoon, with a fair Wind in Whom went passengers Charles Paxton & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmer.

July 28. I went with Cap' Jacobson to M<sup>h</sup>ead. Dined at Martin's & reached Marblehead at dark. Spent the eve<sup>ng</sup> at Cap' Gerry's.

July 29. Cap' Jacobson & I went to Flax Pond, had very Good Sport. Caught twelve dozen Perch in two hours. Dined at Flax Pond & stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Gould's at Lynn — from thence came home.

30 July. Attended the Tryal of Keen for stealing the Barrell of Molasses — he was found Guilty.



1 Aug. A hot Day din'd at Ju<sup>n</sup> Champney on a Barbekue.

2 Aug. I went this morning with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jones to the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour ab<sup>o</sup> Stedsons affairs. Afterwards to a pond ab<sup>o</sup> a mile from Colo Dotys with M<sup>r</sup> John Lovell jun<sup>i</sup> & Sam<sup>i</sup> Calef. wee had Good Sport & caught a great many fish tho they were small. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe has been unwell but is growing much Better.

3 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe continues very unwell.

4 Aug. A very hot morning. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe took a Ride.

Aug. 5. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe very unwell. The Tryal about Ridgeway's Plate was heard this day & the Jury found in favour of the Creditors.

Aug. 6. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe still unwell. There was an Eclipse of the Sun yesterday. Met the Selectmen in the afternoon — they were all present. 48 people apply<sup>d</sup> for License, 4 new ones approbated & five that had been Retailers before.

Aug. 11. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe a little better. Set out this morning for Plym<sup>o</sup> in comp<sup>y</sup> with Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn. Stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Bracketts in Braintree & at Deacon Cushings at Hingham at Dr Hall's at Pembroke — there wee dined. Set out & Reached Littles at Kingston & from thence to Plymouth — we put up at Howlands. Spent the eve'ng at Cap<sup>t</sup> Gideon White's with him & wife & Miss Joanna — & slept there.

Aug. 12. Went with Cornelius White, Ed<sup>wd</sup> Winslow, & Young Bradford also Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn to

South Pond a fishing — had very good sport. I caught a very large Perch — measured 18 inches & weighed three pounds & a half. Dined at Ed<sup>wd</sup> Winslows with him & wife & Two Daughters. After dinner we set out for home. Reached Hall's at Pembroke where wee Stopt & from thence to Cushing's & Bracket's where we lodged that night. Colo. Ephraim Leonard, M<sup>r</sup> Justice Williams, & M<sup>r</sup> Justice Elisha Toby who was this day moved into his office, also M<sup>r</sup> Justice Fales who is Clerk of the Court — had some conversation with Colo. White & M<sup>r</sup> Adams on the affairs of Ebenezer Stedson with B & Ed<sup>w</sup> Davis & gave M<sup>r</sup> Adams a Guinea as a fee.

13 Aug. Rose early this morning & set out & got home to Boston & found M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe much Better, found Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood come in from St Kitts having sprung his masts. In the afternoon I went to M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes Funeral & was one of the Bearers.

Aug. 15. I went to dinner on Spectacle Island.

18 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe still unwell. After Dinner M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> J. Amiel, W<sup>m</sup> Speakman & myself set out for Taunton. We stopt at Colo. Doty's Pond & caught Eight Dozen of Perch.

Aug. 20. After I had done my Business M<sup>r</sup> Laughton & I set out for to come home. We overtook M<sup>r</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Armiel, & W<sup>m</sup> Speakman at Winnesconnet Pond — they had caught a great many Fish which wee dined on at Howard's at Easton. Set out from thence & reached Col. Doty's & slept there.

21 Aug. Wee Rose early this morning and went a fishing had Good Sport. We were joyn'd by M<sup>r</sup> James Smith & wife, Two M<sup>rs</sup> Belchers, Miss Clark Miss Dolly Murray M<sup>rs</sup> Jones Miss Blowers Miss Amiel M<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson & M<sup>r</sup> Waller. We all Din'd at Colo Doty's. in the evening I came home & found M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe very unwell.

22 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe still unwell, had a very Restless night My Lord Hope arrived here from Halifax last on a snow.

23 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe no sleep tonight. din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwaits at Roxbury with him & wife & three Daughters, M<sup>r</sup> James Smith & wife Both M<sup>rs</sup> Belchers, M<sup>rs</sup> Jones & M<sup>r</sup> Waller. went in the afternoon to Jamaica Pond & fished there with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson had pretty Good Sport M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth lies dangerously Ill at Roxbury M<sup>r</sup> Copeland took his Face this afternoon.

26 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe growing Better. very hot weather.

27 Aug. The weather still very hot. M<sup>r</sup> Amiel & I went to Mystick & din'd there at Jones. afterwards we went to Spot Pond & caught a Good many small Perch & Returned in the evening. The weather changed, the wind Easterly & very Cold.

29 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe not as well as yesterday.

Aug. 30. Mr. Core came early this morning & we went to Cap<sup>t</sup> Kendricks a fishing. wee were joyned by Major Golthwait, M<sup>r</sup> Armiel & M<sup>r</sup> Calef. wee all dined there & a very elegant Dinner Partridges for the first time this season. The Garland

mann of War sailed this day on a Cruise. Cap<sup>t</sup> St John.

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe (thank God) much Better.

2 Sept. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe took an airing in the Chariot this forenoon for the first time since her Illness.

4 Sept. Rose very early this morning & settled with Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood who sailed ab<sup>o</sup> Ten of Clock Came home & took a Ride Out with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. din'd at home with M<sup>r</sup> payne of Taunton Lawyer & M<sup>r</sup> Addams of Braintree Lawyer and Miss Sucky. Spent part of the afternoon with the Creditors of Cap<sup>t</sup> James Forbes.

Sept. 6. Tho<sup>s</sup> Oliver sent for my Sorrell Mare this morning for which he is to give me a hundred dollars or return me the Mare again in the Spring safe & sound. if any accident happens to her it's at his Risque by agreement. I went this forenoon with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson to Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard's to get his despatches but they were not Reddy. Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall has arriv'd in Nantasket from London having the small-pox on board.

Sept. 7. I met the Selectmen this morning about Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall's affairs and sent him some provisions etc. I went to the Charitable Lecture at Fanewill Hall & heard the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Elliot preach a sensible Discourse Cap<sup>t</sup> Freeman arriv'd from London this afternoon.

Sept. 9. Set out with John Nazzro for Dighton. Stopt at Col. Doty's & at the Wid<sup>o</sup> Noyes at Stoughtonham & dined at the Wid<sup>o</sup> Godfrey's at Norton. Reached Taunton at three of Clock. met

Colo. White & went with him to Dighton. old Colo. Richmond was not at home. wee went to Eben Stedsons & stayed there all night.

Sept. 10. Old Colo. Richmond met us & delivered all Stedson's effects as pr inventory in presence of John Nazzro & Eben Stedson to Colo. White & me. After dinner I set out with Colo. White & drank tea at his house with M<sup>rs</sup> White & her two daughters which appear very neat &c.

Sept. 11. Set out of Taunton for home. stopt at Howard's & at the Wid<sup>d</sup> Noyes where I met Edw<sup>d</sup> Quincy Jun<sup>r</sup> & breakfasted there. wee set out for Colo Doty's Reached his home at Eleven of Clock. M<sup>r</sup> Quincy & I went a fishing. after dinner set out for home & stopt at his honour the Lieut Governour's & I d<sup>d</sup> his Daughter the Sheriff Richmond's Return on Stedson's affairs with the Inventory annex.

Sept. 12. Sold my Ship — Cap<sup>t</sup> Hatch — to Cap<sup>t</sup> Taylor & M<sup>r</sup> Rider — in the afternoon I went to the Funeral of my old Friend Sam<sup>l</sup> Wentworth. Spent the eve'ng in part at home & the remainder at the Coffee House.

Sept. 14. Sunday. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter was Published to Miss Lidia Lynds this forenoon. Cap<sup>t</sup> Oman arrived from London this morning.

17 Sept. Met the Selectmen in the afternoon — at six of Clock met the Creditors of Eben Stetson at the Coffee House.

18 Sept. Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshalls snow came up from Nantasket yesterday in the afternoon. I went to

Mr Smith's Farm at Watertown Mr Fessendens Brother & dined there with Mr James Smith & wife Mr Murray & wife, Two Mrs Belchers Mr Inman, Mr Walter Colo Henry Vafsall & wife Mr Trollet, Mrs Cutler Mr J. Amiel & wife & Miss Chrissy, Cap<sup>t</sup> Buntin & Two French Gentlemen from Guadalope.

20 Sept. Cap<sup>t</sup> Freeman arriv'd from Bristol in him came Mr John Powell. Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn also arriv'd from Liverpool.

21 Sept. Sunday — Both Mr Hoopers & his (Mr Walter's) were good & sensible Discourses but a little Metaphisical.

23 Sept. Cap<sup>t</sup> Daverson Sen<sup>r</sup> arriv'd from London. I went to Fresh Pond & din'd there on Turtle with Henry Vafsall & wife & (a large company)

Sept. 24. The Custom house attempted to seize some wine out of Malcom's cellar but were hindered from it by about two hundred people making their appearance in the street. The Governour & Council met on the affair of the Seizure but they could make nothing of it.

Sept. 25. The Governour & Council met again on this affair, & examined many Evidences, but could make nothing of it.

Sept. 26. Mr White moved into my house on Monday, the 22<sup>n</sup> Sept at £8 p annum — this house adjournes to Mr Amiel's.

Sept. 29. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens Room.

30 Sept. Rose very early this morning & went

a fishing with James Perkins & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef wee din'd together under a tree on the Causeway beyond Dedham Island. Wee had very great sport.

2 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Sheppard in Briggs Hallowell's Brigantine sailed for London.

3 Oct. The Selectmen met & ordered a Town Meeting on Wednesday next.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Cap<sup>t</sup> Coppinger arr'd at Cape Ann & came to Town, from Martinico & gives an acc<sup>t</sup> of Ninety Sail of Vessels being lost there in a Hurricane in August.

Oct. 7. P<sup>d</sup> Green 7 Dollars for horsehire etc going to Bridgewater.

Oct. 8. Town Meeting this forenoon. The Town Voted that the Sufferers here have Compensation made them provided they apply in a parliamentary way. Yesterday in the afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Holbrook was buried.

Oct. 10. Met the Selectmen at Fanewill Hall this morning. This afternoon I met the Committee on Cap<sup>t</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Malcom's affair—James Otis, Sam Adams, myself Edw<sup>d</sup> Quincy—John Hancock, Joshua Henshaw & Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne. Spent the eve'ng at the Possee.

Oct. 13. M<sup>rs</sup> R. much hurried in removing from one house to the other Met the committee on Cap<sup>t</sup> Malcolm's affair.

Oct. 16. Slept this night for the first time in our new house which is a Very Good, Handsome & Convenient house. Went to Little Cambridge on business The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper went into the House I came out off this day.





JOHN ROWE'S HOUSE IN POND LANE (Bedford Street)





Oct. 19. Sunday. Stayed at home with Andrew Brimmer on business — I went to church in the afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Hooper read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached from 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap. Proverbs & 6<sup>h</sup> Verse — this was a clever sensible discourse.

Oct. 20. Dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris Hatch — set out with him for Dighton at two of Clock — wee stopt at Colo. Doty's & from thence reached M<sup>rs</sup> Noyes' Wee spent the evening there with Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy Jun<sup>r</sup> & a Dartmouth Man & slept there.

Oct. 21. Wee put on to Howards at Easton, there breakfasted & from thence to Taunton — wee stopt at M<sup>r</sup>Quarters & thence to Dighton. There wee dined at Eben Stedson's — after dinner wee began to sell M<sup>r</sup> Stedsons things Cap<sup>t</sup> Hatch b<sup>d</sup> the Brigg<sup>n</sup> Abigail appurtenances & cargo for me at six hundred & ten pounds lawful money — John Nazro sold part of the Household Furniture.

Oct. 22. Wee rose very early this morning & examined the Brigg — sent for the Joyner & several other Tradesmen. M<sup>r</sup> Stedson had agreed with the Joyner for 34 Dollars for his work & Stedson to find the stuff. After dinner wee begun the Vendue & continued until dark — from M<sup>r</sup> Stedson's, Capt Hatch & I went to Colo. White's.

Oct. 23. Set out for Boston. We breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup>Quarter's & from thence to Howards & from Howard's to the Wid<sup>d</sup> Noyes' & from thence to James Smith's at Brush Hill. there we dined with him & Lady. Old Madam Belcher & M<sup>rs</sup> Belcher

her Daughter, M<sup>rs</sup> Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>r</sup> Cutler Miss Blowers, Miss Anna Clark, Miss Dolly Murray & Miss Betty Murray.

Oct 24. Spent the afternoon at the Coffee House on an Arbitration between Joseph Rhodes & Geo. Stacy & Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown of Marblehead. the Referees Jos. Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> John Pidgeon & myself. Met the Arbitrators on Rhodes & Stacy affairs.

Oct. 25. Spent an hour at Normandy.

26 Oct. This morning Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis arriv'd from London having a Long Passage of Eight Weeks & three Days. I paid a visit to Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who I found very Ill in the Gout.

27 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter sailed from Nantasket Road. in the afternoon I went to the Select mens Room and attended there.

30 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Young arriv'd from London. After dinner I went & p<sup>d</sup> a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Harrison Our new Collector & spent the evening at the Coffee House.

1 Nov. Spent my time this forenoon with M<sup>r</sup> John Pidgeon on Stacy & Rhodes affairs.

Nov. 4. The House of Assembly tried for a Compensation for the Sufferers this afternoon but did not obtain—there were 51 against it & 43 for it.

Nov. 5. This is a Day of Confusion in Boston occasioned by a foolish Custom of Carrying about the pope & the Devill &c on a large carriage thro' the streets of this Town. indeed three very large ones made their appearance this day. Finished the affair between Rhodes, Stacy & Brown.

Nov. 12. Dined at M<sup>r</sup> Francis Johannot's with him & wife & three daughters, M<sup>r</sup> Craddock, Andrew Belcher & Byfield Lyde. The Select men met this afternoon. Wee did a Good Deal of Business Capt Coffin arriv'd from London in M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Brigg<sup>a</sup>.

Nov. 13. This day the General Court was adjourned for three weeks. Spent the afternoon with John Scolly's Creditors.

Nov. 19. I went to Dr. Sewall's Meeting house to see the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Blair Installed. A great many People were there. M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton prayed & M<sup>r</sup> Blair preached from 11<sup>h</sup> Chap. to the Romans 13 verse.

Nov. 20. Went on business to M<sup>r</sup> Otis & gave him a Guinea for a fee on M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Cook's business in the Admiralty.

Nov. 22. Last night I sent my negro Cato to Bridewell for a very bad fault.

Nov. 25. Spent the afternoon with the Committee of the General Court, M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, M<sup>r</sup> Otis, M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Hall, M<sup>r</sup> Adams, M<sup>r</sup> Hancock, M<sup>r</sup> Dexter. A number of Merchants were there. Am in hopes wee shall get Redress in our Trade.

Nov. 26. Rose very early & went & paid a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Harrison & Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard. Got Cap<sup>t</sup> Robertson's affairs thro'. Met the Selectmen at their room in the afternoon. A Transport Ship arriv'd bound from Halifax to Quebec but could not get up the River. She has seventy people belonging to the Royal Train of Artillery on board, forty-three women & nineteen children. The master Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith values on me.

27 Nov. Thanksgiving Day. This day is my Birthday being now entering into my fifty second year.

28 Nov. Met the Committee of the General Court this afternoon.

29 Nov. Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith in M<sup>r</sup> Sam Hughes Brigg arriv'd from London this day. Received two letters from M<sup>r</sup> Peter Hubbert dated at Manticoke River Maryland November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1766. The Gent<sup>l</sup> Belonging to the Train agreed with Jn<sup>o</sup> Bryant for Beef & Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Neal for Bread.

Dec. 2. The Merchants made a Dinner for Cap<sup>t</sup> Gideon at the Coffee house & a very Genteel Entertainment it was. The Company did me the Honour to Preside & the Company consisted of the following Gentlemen. myself Cap<sup>t</sup> Gideon M<sup>r</sup> Peele Doct<sup>r</sup> Pettigrew. Joshua Winslow Esq James Pitts Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker Jam<sup>s</sup> Botineau Rob<sup>t</sup> Hooper Esq of M<sup>b</sup>lehead. M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>r</sup> John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Green. M<sup>r</sup> James Otis M<sup>r</sup> Nich. Boylston. M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston M<sup>r</sup> Arnold Wells M<sup>r</sup> Ed<sup>w</sup> Paine M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis. M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Greenleaf M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Amory M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Amory M<sup>r</sup> Ezek. Golphwait M<sup>r</sup> Sam Hughes M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Hallowell Sen<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Briggs Hallowell. M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Hallowell. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock. M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches M<sup>r</sup> John Timmins M<sup>r</sup> James Perkins M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle M<sup>r</sup> John Powell M<sup>r</sup> George Irving M<sup>r</sup> Murray M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux M<sup>r</sup> Henry Loyd. M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Bethune Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark Jona. Simpson Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy Rob<sup>t</sup> Gordon.

After Dinner the following Toasts were Drank  
 1. The King 2. The Queen & Royal Family 3  
 The Parliament of Great Britain 4 His Majesty's  
 Ministry 5 The Earl of Chatham 6 Lord Chan-  
 cellor 7 Gen<sup>l</sup> Conway 8 Earl Sherburne 9  
 Duke of Grafton 10 Duke of Newcastle 11 The  
 Earl of Chesterfield 12 Duke of Richmond 13  
 The Chancellor of the Exchequer 14 The Right  
 Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sir Arthur Onslow 15 Gen<sup>l</sup> Howard 16  
 Colo<sup>l</sup> Barre 17 The Patrons of the British Colo-  
 nies 18 The Lords of Trade 19 The Lords of  
 the Admiralty 20 The Army & Navy 21 The  
 Extension of Trade & Commerce. 22 The United  
 & Inseparable Interest of Great Britain & Her  
 Colonies 23 May the True Interest of Great  
 Britain & Her Colonies be Never Hidden of their  
 Eyes 24 Sir Edw<sup>d</sup> Hawk 25 My Lord Colvil  
 26 Prosperity of N<sup>o</sup> America. 27 A Good Voy-  
 age to the Jamaica. Capt W<sup>m</sup> Robertson in Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Fair's ship sailed this forenoon for London

Dec. 5. This Day the Court voted Compensation  
 to the Sufferers The Treasurer's wife, M<sup>rs</sup> Gray  
 was buried this afternoon Dined on board the  
 Thames with him Rev M<sup>r</sup> Walter, M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock  
 (& others)

Dec. 7. A fire broke out ab<sup>o</sup> four of Clock this  
 morning in our Lane & burnt M<sup>r</sup> Snow's potash  
 house down with the Buildings Adjoyning. Went  
 to Church this forenoon M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached a  
 sensible Discourse & historical

8 Dec. Town meeting this forenoon. Settled

with Cap<sup>t</sup> Geneste & he sail'd for Lond<sup>o</sup> ab<sup>o</sup> five of Clock

9 Dec. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis set out for Providence. I p<sup>d</sup> him £200.2/ lawfull money to pay M<sup>r</sup> Brown this day a Brigg<sup>a</sup> arriv'd from Bristol

11 Dec. Cap<sup>t</sup> Morrison sailed this day for the Straights Met the Creditors of John Scollay Esq this afternoon

12 Dec. Din'd at Major John Vassall's at Cambridge with him & wife (& ten others) After Dinner Miss Penny & Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow set out from thence for Plymouth came home with Major Byard, of New York, in his Phaeton.

17 Dec. Settled with Deacon Foster & wife about the Iron works. Spent the afternoon with the Selectm<sup>n</sup> Colo Jackson M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewall M<sup>r</sup> Ruddock, Deacon Newall, Deacon Phillips & John Hancock Esq & the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis'.

18 Dec. One Joseph Andrews, a Portugese was taken at Marblehead & brought here & put into Goal for Piracy.

20 Dec. It has snowed all night & is very deep after Dinner put the Horses in the Sleigh but could not get over the Neck the snow very very much drifted.

Dec. 21. No post in.

23 Dec. Spent the afternoon & evening with the Committee of Merchants namely M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne M<sup>r</sup> John Erving, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray & M<sup>r</sup> Sam Hughes at Colo. Ingersolls (Bunch of Grapes Tavern)

24 Dec. M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman went out of Town this morning Cap<sup>t</sup> Scott arriv'd from London Cap<sup>t</sup> Bryce is also arriv'd from London.

Dec. 26. I sent Andrew Brimmer to Salem this morning on Buffams affairs Spent the eve'ng with the Free Masons Committee of Charity.

Dec. 30. Spent the eve'ng at Colo. Ingersolls with Jerry Gridley & about 40 Brethren. Another snowstorm blows very hard.

Dec. 31. A very cold Day the Ink freezes as I write.

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Jan. 7. Went to Town Meeting in the afternoon & spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Cordis' at a very Genteel Entertainment & Dance where I presided. This eve'ng Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams of the 39th Regiment was arrested by Sheriff Greenleaf on the suit of M<sup>r</sup> John Spooner, which occasioned much noise & in Town.

Jan. 8. The Gov<sup>r</sup> Sent for me this morning. I was bound for Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams. Met the Proprietors of Point Shirley at the Coffee House. Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goltwait, M<sup>r</sup> Pitts, M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock & M<sup>r</sup> Nath. Holmes & spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Clappam's. Dined at Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo Davis on Venison.

Jan. 13. Spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> John Erving Jun<sup>r</sup> at a wedding Frolick — this was an agreeable Frolick & I had the pleasure to dance with the Bride M<sup>rs</sup> Stewart.

Jan. 17. Dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' at the invitation



of Cap<sup>t</sup> Willson. Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Smith in the Transport Sailed this day. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis was ready but Sprung a Leak.

Jan. 20. Col<sup>o</sup>. Gorham & Lady arrived in Cap<sup>t</sup> Soames from Halifax. Dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Clappam's by Invitation from Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams with him & Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard, Major Byard, Major Butler, Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Gregory Townsend & Lieu<sup>t</sup> Carghill.

22 Jan. Begins to snow. Spent the evening at Cap<sup>t</sup> Matchet's at the North End with him (several other gentlemen) & Cap<sup>t</sup> Clark a Stranger who diverted us much in playing the slight of hand.

23 Jan. This morning the Cause between Charles Ward Apthorpe & M<sup>r</sup> Deblois came on & lasted the whole day Spent an hour with the Grand Lodge & the evening at the Coffee House.

24 Jan. After dinner I took a Ride with Major Byard over the Neck very good Sleighing. Spent the evening at the Pofse.

Jan. 26. Met the Selectmen at the Representatives Rooms. Joshua Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup> one of the Court of Sessions met us, but no other of the Justices. Spent the afternoon at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' on a Reference between Dr. Gardiner & M<sup>r</sup> James Flagg, M<sup>r</sup> Paine, Henderson Inches & Sam Hughes were the Referees — it was a Publick Hearing & a Great Company.

Jan. 29. Was alarmed early this morning by the Cry of Fire — two Times two Thieves set the Goal on fire & got away — it did not do much damage. The General Court met yesterday — I met the

Creditors of Cap' James Forbes. we agreed to allow him 10 p cent on the Sum he collected. Spent the evening at the Coffee house at a Dance. Cap' Jarvis sail'd for London.

Febry 2<sup>d</sup>. M<sup>rs</sup> R. & I paid a visit to the Surveyor General & Lady where we found the Governour's Lady, the Secretary, lady & three Daughters, Sheriff Greenleaf, lady & Miss Nabby, M<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple & two Daughters, Colo Gorham & lady, Madam Apthorp, Dr. Bulfinch & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Pitts & Lady, & Miss Betty, M<sup>r</sup> Armiel & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter & wife, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck M<sup>rs</sup> Sheaffe & Miss Sally, Cap<sup>t</sup> Phillips & wife, M<sup>rs</sup> Boudoin, Miss Howard, Miss Alice Whipple the fair Quaker & Miss W<sup>m</sup> Phillips. Spent part of the afternoon with the Selectmen & a Committee of the Sessions, Sam Wells Esq, Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana Esq, Joshua Winslow Esq & Foster Hutchinson.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Set out for Salem with M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Calef — dined at Norwood's at Lynn — called on M<sup>r</sup> Gould. Reached Salem at three of Clock. I went to see Friend Buffam, had a great deal of Conversation on his Affairs — visited M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Douse, M<sup>r</sup> Fisher also M<sup>r</sup> Pyncheon the Lawyer. Spent the eve'ng at Col. Pickman's — Slept at the Tavern.

Febry 4<sup>h</sup>. After Breakfast set out for home & upon the Road heard of a great fire in Boston which broke out in Bray the Baker's Warehouse & spread round about the Neighborhood, that it Consumed more than Twenty houses among which was M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Williams Dwelling House several

houses of Mr John Hancock's, several Belonging to Cap' Ball — it Begun at ten of Clock & continued until Three in the morning when it was stopt. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens Room.

Feb'y 6. Spent the afternoon & evening at the Selectmen's rooms with the Committee of the Sessions & the Committee of the Town about the Sale of the Townhouse. Sam. Wells Esq, Jos. Winslow Esq, Jerry Gridley Esq, Foster Hutchinson Esq & Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana Esq — Joseph Jackson Esq, Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewall, Deacon W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Deacon Newall & myself. We also drew a petition to the General Court in Behalf of the Sufferers by Fire. Gave Mr Kent Cap' Barker's bond to Sue.

Feb'y 7. A very cold night. My pump in the front yard froze. After dinner I went Sleighing in Bracketts sleigh with Mr Paine of Taunton, John Amory, Johnathan Amory, Henry Hill, Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy Tertius, Sam<sup>l</sup> Quincy, Dr. Jos. Gardner, Dr. Oliver Wendall & James Lovell. We went round Jamaica Pond & Stopt at Gideon Gardners on the Neck where we were Joyned by W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, Nat. Taylor, Gregory Townsend & Frank White & Bart<sup>n</sup> Kneeland.

Feb'y 9. The two Committees of Town & County met the Committee of the General Court ab<sup>n</sup> the Townhouse — for the General Court Cap' Edw<sup>d</sup> Sheaffe, Mr Stephen Hall — for the County Sam<sup>l</sup> Wells, Jos. Winslow, Jerry Gridley, Foster Hutchinson & Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana Esq<sup>r</sup> — for the Town Colo. Jackson, Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Sewall, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Deacon

Newall & myself. The Justices of the Town of Boston, the Overseers of the Poor & the Select Men met this afternoon to fix a time for a general Visitation.

Feb'ry 10. Attended the Tryal between Dr. Gardiner & M<sup>r</sup> Flagg.

14. Feb. It has snowed all night — in the afternoon Major Byard called on me & wee took a Ride in his Sleigh & stopt at Gardners where wee found a Good Company.

Feb'ry 19. In the afternoon met the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> John Wennid at Colo. Ingersolls & afterwards met the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Nichols at the Coffee House. Spent the evening at home with the Firewards. Dined at home with Colo White of Taunton, Major Leonard of Norton, his son-in-law, Colo Payne of Worcester, M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Hussey of Nantucket.

Feb'ry 20. This day let M<sup>r</sup> Pipon half the Brick House in this Lane at ten pound lawfull money p anum. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hatch sailed this morning for London.

Feb'ry 24. This morning the Lawyers finished their Debates on D<sup>r</sup> Gardiner & Flagg's affairs & the Court adjourned until the 2<sup>d</sup> of March to give their Opinion.

Feb'ry 26. The House of Representatives have been all day on the Land Bank scheme. I met the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> Hope.

Feb'ry 27. I sign'd the Deeds for Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes' Houses — at four met the creditors of Sam. Buffam at the Coffee House.

Mar. 6. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens room. The Sufferers by Fire Brought in their acc<sup>ts</sup> of what they had lost at the Fire the 3<sup>rd</sup> feb'ry — wee went through the whole acc<sup>ts</sup>.

7 March. After Dinner Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis M<sup>r</sup> Inman & I paid a visit to Robert Gould who wee found laid up with the Gout — then wee went to Cap<sup>t</sup> Bennets & drank a Bottle of Madeira with Lewis Gray & Cap<sup>t</sup> Doble.

Mar. 9. Town Meeting today on which I attended all day.

Mar. 10. Spent the afternoon with the Selectmen, the same as last year, on the distribution of the money given by the province to the sufferers.

Mar. 11. The Superior Court set yesterday. M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>m</sup> Austin M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Timmins & I sat on an Arbitration between Levi Stedson & W<sup>m</sup> Hayden & finished our Report & carried it in this forenoon. Afternoon met the Selectmen at their Room.

Mar. 12. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmen's room in Distributing money to the sufferers by Fire. M<sup>r</sup> John Pidgeon & I met the Committee of the General Court at M<sup>r</sup> Blodgets on Jos. Rhodes & Geo Stacey's affairs.

Mar. 13. The General Court chose Commissioners to treat with the Government of New York about the Line between them & us — The Lieut. Governor, Colo. Brattle & M<sup>r</sup> Sheaffe of Charlestown.

Mar. 14. Still exceeding cold & sharp. It froze almost as far as the Castle tonight. Went to Court

this forenoon on an Action depending between Colo. Gridley & Andrew Hall.

Mar. 17. St Patrick's Day. Dined at Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Bennet's with the Sons of St Patrick — M<sup>r</sup> Forrest, Cap<sup>t</sup> Malcom, old M<sup>r</sup> Malcom, two Bryants, Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Nichols, Cap<sup>t</sup> McDonald, Cap<sup>t</sup> Mackay, Arch<sup>d</sup> McNeal, Tho<sup>s</sup> Bennet. James Thompson, W<sup>m</sup> Thompson, Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Mitchell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Moses Bennet, Cap<sup>t</sup> Matchet, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bowers, James Otis Esq, M<sup>r</sup> Lewis Gray, Cap<sup>t</sup> Hopkins, M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Spear, Dr Cast & a great many others I did not know. In the afternoon I went to Court — they voted M<sup>r</sup> Debert two hundred pounds st<sup>l</sup>g for a year's salary.

Mar. 18. This is Anniversary Day when the parliament of Great Britain repealed the Stamp Act. I dined at Col. Ingersoll's with the following Gentlemen. Colo. Jarvis, Sam<sup>l</sup> Quincy, Jos. Scot, Jos. Winslow jun<sup>r</sup>, Gregory Townsend, M<sup>r</sup> Forrest, Tho<sup>s</sup> Amory, Jos. Blanchard, Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard, Peter Johannot, Tho<sup>s</sup> Brinley, Tim<sup>r</sup> Folgee, Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy Tertius, M<sup>r</sup> Trumball of Lebanon, Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthrop Rob<sup>t</sup> Hallowell, John Timmins, M<sup>r</sup> Smith from London, Tuthill Hubbard, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin jun<sup>r</sup>, Dr W<sup>m</sup> Lee Perkins, Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis, Sam. Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Quincy, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Treat Paine of Taunton, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Davis & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle. We had a very Genteel Dinner. After dinner they desired me to be Toast Master on the occasion. The following Toasts were Drank. The King — The Queen & Royal Family — The Parliament of Great Britain — His Majesty's Minis-

try—The Earl of Chatham — The Lord Chancellor — General Conway — Duke of Grafton — Marquis of Rockingham — The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gen. Howard — Colo. Barry — Sir W<sup>m</sup> Meredith — The Five Dissenting Lords — The Patrons of the British Colonies — The Lords of Trade — The Lords of the Admiralty — The Army & Navy — The Extension of Traded Commerce — The United & Inseparable Interest of Gr. Britain & Her Colonies May the True Interest of Great Britain & her Colonies be never off their Eyes. Prosperity to the Province. May the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1766, the day the Stamp Act was repealed be ever had in memory by all True Britains & Americans — Prosperity to the Sons of Liberty — Prosperity to the Town of Boston. At four of Clock in the afternoon I was obliged to attend at Faneuil Hall, where there met a great Concourse of People to Drink the King's Health & prvote of the Town & the same Toasts were drank as above. The Hall was illuminated also Liberty Tree & sundry other Gentleman's Houses. I never saw more Joy than on this occasion.

Mar. 19. I attended the Selectmens room this forenoon. After met the Committee of the Affairs of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Perry. Bought of John Ruddock Esq 7 Lottery Tickets.

N<sup>o</sup> 1038 Gave M<sup>rs</sup> R.

“ 1039 “ Suky Inman

“ 1040 “ Sally Inman

“ 1041 “ George Inman

“ 1042 Kept myself



N<sup>o</sup> 1043 Kept myself

“ 1044 Sold James Kennedy.

Mar. 20. I was called on by Cap<sup>t</sup> Daws to view the Land by the Fortification. Spent an hour at Brackets on business with Judge Danforth, General Ruggles, Colo Bradford, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cobb.

Mar. 25. There was a General Council this forenoon. The Gov<sup>r</sup> appointed M<sup>r</sup> Trowbridge, a Judge of the Superior Court, our Friend Jerry Gridly, King's Attorney General, M<sup>r</sup> Sewall, special Attorney to act in the absence of M<sup>r</sup> Gridley. Several other promotions. Spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis'. This night wee Regulated the price of wine & punch with M<sup>r</sup> Cordis. Twenty Shillings a double Bowl Punch. Thirty Shillings a Bottle Madeira.

Mar. 27. Spent the afternoon & evening with the Select men at Fanewill Hall where we made a Division of the Remainder of the money to the Sufferers by Fire.

Mar. 28. Dined at J<sup>ms</sup> Champney's at the Turks-head on a wager of a Rump & Doz<sup>n</sup> — lost by Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle.

Mar. 31. Town meeting this forenoon. I was on an arbitration between Cap<sup>t</sup> Glover of Mhead & the Underwriters at M<sup>r</sup> Pidgeons office. The arbitrators were five — namely Foster Hutchinson Esq, Nat. Bethune, Isaac Smith, Sam G Hughes & myself.

3 April. The Governor & his Son came to see our New House this afternoon.

April 5. After church there was a Vestry to



consider of the Selectmen's Letter ab<sup>o</sup> a Contribution for the Sufferers by Fire.

7 April. Met the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> John Cotton and adjourned untill Fryday.

Apr. 8. Spent the afternoon with the Justices & Selectmen ab<sup>o</sup> laying out a New Street in Paddy's Alley.

10 April. Attended the Tryal between Charles W Apthorpe & M<sup>r</sup> Deblois.

Apr. 14. Between 10 & 11 of Clock my most valuable & worthy & never to be forgotten Friend the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper fell down in his Garden & expired instantaneously to the Great Grief & Sorrow of his People & the Loss of his Family. Met the Church Wardens & Vestry at three of Clock to consult on M<sup>r</sup> Hooper's Funeral. My Sloop Chagford went a whaling this day.

April 15. Met the proprietors of Long Wharf at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis this afternoon, also attended the Selectmen, also the Funeral of M<sup>rs</sup> Jeffries. Also met the Church Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Church.

16 April. Met the Justices and Selectmen at the Hall & finished the affair of the street.

Apr. 17. I attended the mournfull funeral of my worthy & much Lamented Friend the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper. The Great Concourse & Multitude of People that attended this Solemnity is hardly to be conceived. His bearers were the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Chauncey, Dr Byles, M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Scituate, M<sup>r</sup> Winslow of Braintree M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck & M<sup>r</sup> Walter. the Throng was so great at the Church that a great many Gen-

lemen & Ladies could not get in to the church. M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck read the Burial Service on this occasion & M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached a very Pathetick & moving Discourse from 14<sup>th</sup> Chap Revelations & 13<sup>n</sup> verse. After church returned to the House of mourning & I endeavoured to give Comfort to the distressed family. I intend to be their friend.

Apr. 20. I went to Trinity Church this forenoon for the Choice of officers the ensuing year. M<sup>r</sup> Greenleaf & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coffin sen<sup>r</sup> were chosen Church Wardens & 12 vestrymen.

Yesterday M<sup>r</sup> Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Donn & mee went to the Judge of Probate to prove M<sup>r</sup> Hoopers will.

Apr 23. Dined at Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait's with him & wife, Cap<sup>t</sup> Michael Dalton & wife, M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper of Marblehead, M<sup>rs</sup> Lewis, M<sup>rs</sup> Cumming, Miss Patty Goldthwait, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & Miss Goldthwait. M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper went to Copley to have her Picture drawn as did Cap<sup>t</sup> Dalton & wife.

Apr. 26. Sunday. After church there was a gathering for to make the expense of the Funeral of M<sup>r</sup> Hooper. They collected seventy two pounds.

Apr. 27. Set out for Plymouth in Company with M<sup>r</sup> Sam Calef & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Knights. Stopt at Bracketts, Braintree dined at Cushings at Hingham, Reached Dr Hall's at Pembroke in the afternoon & stayed there all Night

Apr 28. Set out early from Halls & got to Duxbury Mills. Stopt there & fished, had very Good Sport. caught five Dozen Trout. Dined at Dr Harlows. Reached Plymouth. I see all my Friends. Slept at Cap<sup>t</sup> White's

Apr. 29. Went to my Forge with Cornelius White, Pelham Winslow, Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow jun<sup>r</sup>. did what business I had to do. After dinner set out for Marshfield stopt at Kingston at M<sup>r</sup> Little's, had some conversation with Miss Lydia Little. Wee set out from thence & Reached Duxbury Mills, fished there & caught ab<sup>o</sup> a Dozen Trout. In the evening wee went to Gen. Winslow's, Marshfield & slept there.

Apr 30. We went to Duxbury Brook, had very good sport. Returned to the General's & dined there. Set out from the General's, Reached Hall's & then for Cushing's.

May 1. Set out for home. Stopt at Brackets, got home ab<sup>o</sup> ten of Clock

May 4. Met the Selectmen & finished the Warrant for Town Meeting.

May 6. I went to the West Church to the Ordination of M<sup>r</sup> Simeon Howard. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Perkins of Bridgewater Began with Prayer, The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Chauncey preached from, 7<sup>h</sup> Chap. Acts & 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> verses. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Gay of Hingham pray'd & gave the Charge. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam Mather pray'd also & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Appleton of Cambridge gave the Right of Fellowship. Before & after the ceremony there was an anthem sung.

May 8. Town Meeting today for the Choice of Representatives the four old ones were chose.

James Otis Esq<sup>r</sup> 574 votes.

John Hancock 618 "

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing 557 "

Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams 574 votes, myself 134.

The whole number of votes was ab<sup>o</sup> 648.

This day arr'd Cap<sup>t</sup> Delano from London, in 27 days passage.

May 11. I set out for Worcester with John Greene, John Nazro & Kennedy. Stopt at Woodburn's & Reached Hows at Marlborough stayed & slept there.

May 12. Rode thro' Marlborough, called at M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman's. Reached Martin's at Northborough, breakfasted there, Reached Furnace's, stopt at the bridge & got half a Doz<sup>n</sup> Trout. got to Worcester & dined at Colo. Chandler's. Met Gen. Ruggles there, examined the Commissioner's Return on Isaac Thomas' Estate. did my Business. Drank tea with M<sup>rs</sup> Chandler & Miss Dolly Chandler, spent the even'g & slept there.

May 13. Finished what I had to do, set out with M<sup>r</sup> John Greene for home. called at Worcester Bridge, caught one Trout & half a Dozen perch. went forward and stopt at a Brook two miles this side of Shrewsbury. caught ten Trout. Reached M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman's at Marlborough dined there. P<sup>d</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Barnes a visit, drank Tea there. Set out from thence & got to Westown. Spent the eve'ng at Major Goldthwaits & slept there.

15 May. M<sup>r</sup> Higgins carried off Polly yesterday from the Coffee House.

May 17. Sunday. After church there was a Collection for the Sufferers by the late fire. M<sup>r</sup> Walter behaved extremely clever on this Occasion

& urged his Congregation to their usual Benevolence.

18 May. This day M<sup>r</sup> Inman set out with James Smith & wife & other company for Sherburne & Marlborough.

May 23. About Ten of Clock I went with M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Fitch to Medford & paid a visit to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Turrell & agreed with him for his piece of Land by my old house for four hundred dollars. Afterwards dined at M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Hall's at Medford. Wee set out after dinner for Spot Pond & fished there. We had but poor Sport. Wee caught ab<sup>o</sup> 4 dozen of small perch, a few pickerel & three Eylls.

May 25. I went with the Selectmen to view the pavement by the fortification. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmen's room, being Draught Day.

May 26. Went with Deacon Sewall & Dea. Phillips about paving the Road by the Fortification.

May 27. Election Day. I waited on the Governor & Council to the Town House, afterwards I went with M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle to Cap<sup>t</sup> Kendricks & dined there. When I came home I found the following Gentlemen were Chosen Councillors — first 18

Sam <sup>l</sup> Danforth Esqrs	Tho <sup>s</sup> Flucker
Isaac Royal	James Rufsell
John Irving Sen <sup>r</sup>	Nath. Ropes
W <sup>m</sup> Brattle	Tim <sup>o</sup> Paine
James Boudoin	Royal Tyler
Thos. Hubbard	And. Belcher
Harrison Gray	Ju <sup>n</sup> Chandler

James Pitts

Tho<sup>s</sup> Saunders

Jos Gerrish

Jn<sup>o</sup> Worthington

For the Late Colony of Plymouth

Gamaliel Bradford

Sam<sup>l</sup> WhiteJames Otis Sen<sup>r</sup>

Jerahmiel Bowers

For the Late Province of the Main

John Hill, Nath. Sparhawk &amp; John Bradbury Esqs.

For Sagadahock — Jeremiah Powell Esq.

At Large.

Benjamin Lincoln, Sam Dexter Esqrs.

May 28. The Govern<sup>r</sup> negatived five Councillors this morning The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Otis, Joseph Gerrish, Thos. Saunders Jeramiel Bowers & Sam<sup>l</sup> Dexter Esqrs.

29 May. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter arriv'd from London in 37 Days Passage

May 30. Dined at the Club at M<sup>r</sup> Williams by Pierpoint's Mills with Peter Johannot, Major Jn<sup>o</sup> Vassall M<sup>r</sup> John Timmins, M<sup>r</sup> Forrest, George Brinley, Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle, Dr W<sup>m</sup> Lee Perkins, Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthorp M<sup>r</sup> Spencer & M<sup>r</sup> Dalrymple an officer Spent an hour fishing with Dr Calef & M<sup>r</sup> Brattle on Jamaica Pond

June 1. Artillery Election. Dined at Fanewill Hall by invitation with the Company of Artillery, Governour & Council &c & heard the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Shute of Hingham preach a sermon to them from the 9<sup>th</sup> Chap. Ecclesiastes & 18<sup>th</sup> verse. this was a sensible Discourse. After dinner M<sup>r</sup> Amiel & I set out & Reached in the eve'ng M<sup>r</sup> Makintosh's Tavern at Needham. Wee were soon joyned by Cap<sup>t</sup>

Jacobson, M<sup>r</sup> Sam Calef & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthorp. wee spent the evening very cheerfully together & slept there.

June 2. I rose very early this morning & Routed up my companions & set out for Bullard's pond at Natick, where went a fishing, had extraordinary Sport. We did not weigh the fish, I guess wee caught about Eighty weight. I caught 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs weighed at Kendrick's. We came back & dined at Kendricks with Old Mad<sup>m</sup> Apthorp Major Byard & Lady M<sup>r</sup> Amiel & Wife M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe M<sup>r</sup> Spence & Miss Sally Sheaffe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson Sam Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Thos Apthorp, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Apthorp, Geo Inman & Jack Wheelwright. Wee were very merry

3 June. Capt Oman sailed for London this afternoon. Spent two hours at M<sup>r</sup> Sam Hughes on an Arbitration between Cap<sup>t</sup> Glover of Marblehead and the Underwriters at the North Office. The Arbitrators were Foster Hutchinson Nat Bethune Isaac Smith, Sam Hughes & myself afterwards I went to the Funeral of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruddocks Wife.

June 4. High Training Day. Dined at Fanewill Hall by invitation from Ye Commissioned Officers with the Gov<sup>r</sup> Council etc. Spent the evening at the Hall in part & the remainder at home.

June 5. Very hot. The House examined into Bottle Brown's affair ab<sup>o</sup> drinking in the Common with Mean Company etc. Spent the afternoon & evening at the Selectmens Chamber in Distributing money to the Suffers

6 June. Still very hot. I went to Monotomy



with Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef & din'd at Newalls there, with him & Andrew Hall, after dinner wee went a fishing & Caught ab<sup>o</sup> 4 dozen of middling Perch. This evening it Lightened & thundered & Rained extream hard. I hardly ever saw a severer storm.

8 June. About twelve of Clock I went with Capt<sup>l</sup> Duncan Ingram to Cambridge & din'd with him at Eben<sup>r</sup> Braddocks after dinner I went to Judge Danforths on Business & found him gone to Boston. Called on Henry Vassall & M<sup>r</sup> Trollet, spent an hour with them & then Cap<sup>l</sup> Ingram & I went to Freshpond a fishing, had good Sport — came to Town & spent the eve'ng at the Pofse

June 9. this forenoon met M<sup>r</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Bethune, M<sup>r</sup> Foster Hutchinson M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Smith & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes on the arbi. between Cap<sup>l</sup> Glover of Marblehead & the Insurers of the North Office. Lent Major Jos Goldthwait Twelve pounds and sent it pr his servant Aaron Richards.

11 June. Last evening Gov<sup>r</sup> Wentworth arriv'd here from the Southward. I din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Greatons on Turtle with (twenty-eight other gentlemen)

June 13. Rose very early this morning for Natick Pond. On my way there the Horse took fright & run against a Rock which overset the Chaise — thank God I got no harm only broke my fishing Cane.

June 15. Cap<sup>l</sup> Brow in Cap<sup>l</sup> Dashwood's Brigg sailed yesterday for St Christopher

June 16. Dined at home with Cap<sup>l</sup> Hunter, Major Jos. Goldthwaite, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Suckey on



Greenpeas out of our own Garden — in the afternoon W<sup>m</sup> Speakman & I went to Jamaica Pond a fishing, had poor Sport.

June 17. Convention Day with the Episcopal Clergy. I went to church this morning, M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Gilchrist of Salem preached. There were present the following Clergymen — Dr Canes, M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck, M<sup>r</sup> Greateon & M<sup>r</sup> Walter of Boston — M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Scituate, M<sup>r</sup> Winslow of Braintree, M<sup>r</sup> Lyon of Taunton, M<sup>r</sup> Usher of Bristol M<sup>r</sup> Graves of Providence, M<sup>r</sup> Graves of New London, M<sup>r</sup> Fairweather of Narragansett, M<sup>r</sup> Weeks of Marblehead, M<sup>r</sup> Bayley of Kennebeck, M<sup>r</sup> Wiswall of Casco & M<sup>r</sup> Gilchrist of Salem who preached 'twas a Sensible Sermon.

18 June. Rose very early & bought a Quantity of Timber for my Wharff of M<sup>r</sup> Howard

June 24. Dined at M<sup>r</sup> Greatons with forty three Brethren I presided. The Right Worshipful Bro. Gridley being sick.

28th June. Very Dry Weather, the Countrymen complain for want of Rain. It has blown very hard all Day at the So East but no Rain.

30 June. A little Rain in the night but Continues very Dry — in the afternoon it began to Rain & it pleas'd God to give it us in good time. Cap<sup>t</sup> Lyde arriv'd from London.

July 1. This day we visited the Charity Schools & dined at Fanewil Hall, the Selectmen, the Overseers of the Poor, M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Oliver, M<sup>r</sup> Treasurer Gray &c others, it was a Genteel Dinner — ab<sup>t</sup> Six

of Clock M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & I went to Cambridge & spent the Evening at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's.

July 3. When I came to the store I found it broke open I lost 4 ps English Taffatyes — 2 doz<sup>n</sup> Silk Stockings  $\frac{1}{2}$  ps India Taffaty 1 ps Spanish Silk, some Ribbons & other things not known yet. Have been Busy all Day in searching for my Goods but to no purpose.

6 July. Set out for Worcester. Stopt at Major Goldthwait's he went with me, wee din'd at M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman's at Marlborough. Set out after Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> J. Thompson Joyn'd us at Colo Williams. Wee Reached M<sup>r</sup> Furnaces at Shrewsbury. Wee caught a Good mefs of Perch supped & slept there

7 July. Caught another mefs of Fish, got to Worcester at ten of Clock, held the Vendue at Twelve at M<sup>r</sup> Sterns — din'd there with General Ruggles, M<sup>r</sup> Blake Major Thompson, Major Goldthwaite & M<sup>r</sup> John Nazro the afternoon wee adjusted several acc<sup>ts</sup>

8 July. Set out for home with Major Goldthwait. Wee stopt at Shrewsbury Pond, caught a Mefs of Perch & din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Barnes at Marlborough. Set out for Sudbury fish'd there, had good sport, came to Major Goldthwaitt at Weston & slept there.

9 July. Rose very early & got home to Breakfast, found All Well.

15 July. Commencement Day. I went to Cambridge, stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's & din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Smith's Farm at Watertown (with a company of thirty

five which included) "Two Madame Belchers M<sup>r</sup> Jas Murray & wife & Miss Dolly Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe"

July 21. A most Delightful Rainy morning. God is very gracious to his People in this Dry time & all the People ought to praise His Holy Name.

July 22. The Rain yesterday fell 5 1-2 Inches as measured in our cistern. M<sup>r</sup> Powells vessel arr'd from Madeira with 70 pipes Wine.

July 23. Attended Court on Davis & Stetson's affairs. The Court would not receive Stetson's affidavit & Davis got his cause.

24 July. Went with M<sup>r</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Fitch to Flax pond, had very Great Sport, caught upwards of Twenty doz" din'd there with M<sup>r</sup> John Erving Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Davis, Cap<sup>t</sup> Duncan Ingraham, M<sup>r</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Brown, M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Fitch, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, wee spent the afternoon very merry & M<sup>r</sup> Calef & I went to Marblehead where I met Jerry Lee & Cap<sup>t</sup> Copmer on Business, when done wee spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Reeds & slept there

26 July. After church I went & paid a visit to Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who is very Ill of the Gout in his Stomach. Cap<sup>t</sup> Cummings in my Brigg<sup>a</sup> Nancy arr'd from Liverpool this day.

July 28. This afternoon the Creditors of Eben<sup>r</sup> Stetson met & voted M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston & me to go to Dighton.

Aug 1. We went to Punkapong Pond & fished there caught 26 Dozen of Pond Perch before ten of Clock. (2 gentlemen, M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston &

himself) John Boylston is a Good Companion but very Fretful & Uneasy in his make. I should be very Glad to accompany him at any Time on a party of fishing, especially when the fish Bite fast.

5 Aug. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe's Birth Day & forty two years old this day.

12 Aug. While wee were sitting a Great Rogue who calls himself Michael Hendly was brought before the Justices, for Breaking open a shop & was admitted to Goal.

Aug 12. Yesterday there was a high Company at a launching at Weymouth of Clem<sup>t</sup> Jackson's. near eighty gentlemen went from Boston. Spent the afternoon with the Justices of the Sessions & Select Men on the affair of the Family of the Tyler's Petition. the Select Men also set upon Licenses

Aug. 14. This day the Colours were displayed on the Tree of Liberty & ab<sup>o</sup> Sixty People Sons of Liberty met at One of Clock & drank the King's Health.

Aug. 17. After dinner wee went in quest of thieves & took up one Davidson a Peddler & Morris Morrous. found one p<sup>r</sup> Silk Stockings & one small Bit of English Taffatý. M<sup>r</sup> Wells committed them to Bridewell

Aug 18. Dined at Brush Hill with James Smith & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Murray & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Amiel & Miss Crissy, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & Miss Polly Hooper, M<sup>r</sup> Powell & Jacky Day — M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Dolly Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Burgoin & lady was to have been there but they

overset their Carriage & bruised themselves much which hindered them.

Aug 19. Took up three thieves this forenoon, Lawrence & Mary M<sup>c</sup>Guire & Patrick Marra & sent them to Goal.

Aug 22. Spent the afternoon at the Warehouse & at Clark's Wharf. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Union Flag was hoisted for the first time.

23 Aug. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sargeants son died this day. M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gould sailed.

Aug. 27. This afternoon the Grand Lodge met on the affair of the Concert Room. Cap<sup>t</sup> Geneste sailed for Bellisle. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brass arriv'd from Bristol.

Aug. 29. I went with W<sup>m</sup> Speakman to Kendrick's. after dinner wee went fishing. coming home wee saw a Kite attack a full grown Duck. he struck his Tallons into her side which would have killed her, but did not carry her off being Pursued by the people. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson sailed for London this day, in whom M<sup>r</sup> Sears & Colo. Jarvis went passengers.

Sept. 1. This afternoon James Smith was try'd & found Guilty of Stealing my Goods.

Sept. 2. A Negro Fellow belonging to the Town of Newton was try'd for killing a man. The Jury Brought in their Verdict not Guilty.

Sept. 4. Dined at home on Turtogue with M<sup>r</sup> Edw. Winslow of Plymouth, M<sup>r</sup> Zephaniah Leaned of Rainham, M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>t</sup> Stedson of Dighton, M<sup>r</sup> Trollet, Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo. Davis, M<sup>r</sup> Rowe & Sucky Spent the eve'ng at the Grand Lodge with the

Master Wardens of the three Regular Lodges. I attended the Funeral of M<sup>r</sup> Peleg Wiswall.

Sept. 11. Last night at eleven of Clock departed this Life Jerry Gridley Esq<sup>r</sup> Grand Master of Masons & King's Attorney. The Brethren met together this afternoon to consult about the Funeral procession of our Brother Gridley tomorrow. Several votes were past which will be Recorded in the Grand Lodge Book.

Sept. 12. In the afternoon I attended the Funeral of our Right Worshipful Jerry Gridley Esq, Grand Master, as Deputy Grand Master. The officers of his Regiment marched in order first. then the Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge. then the Stewards of the Grand Lodge. then the Brethren promiscuously two by two. then the Wardens of the Second Lodges. then the Wardens of the first Lodges. then the Wardens of the Master's Lodge. then the three Masters of the three several Lodges. then the past Grand Officers & the Treasurer. then the Grand Wardens. then myself as Deputy Grand Master. then the Tyler with the Grand Master's Jewels on a Black Velvet Cushion. The Corps the Bearers were the Lieut. Governour, Judge Trowbridge, Justice Hubbard, John Erving Sen<sup>r</sup>, James Otis and M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fitch. then followed the Relations. after them the Lawyers in their Robes. then the Gentlemen of the Town & then a great many Coaches, Chariots & Chaises. Such a multitude of Spectators I never saw at anything before since I have been in New England. After his Body

was interred wee Returned in Form to the Town house (from whence his Corps was taken at the Beginning of the Procession) in the same order as wee first walked. I do not much approve of such parade & show but as it was his Relatives desire, I could not well avoid giving my Consent. I think the Number of the Brethren that attended was 161. upon the whole it was as well Conducted & in as Good Order as the Nature of it would admit.

Sept. 15. Spent the evening at Blodget's in seeing Hinds the Balance Master perform — he is but a clumsy Hand. M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky was there.

18 Sept. M<sup>r</sup> Amiel & Gardner set out in quest of Powell this morning

Sept 24. The Sun passed the Equinox about twelve of Clock last night. We had a very severe Storm, it blew as hard as I ever heard it, accompanied with Thunder Lighting & very heavy Rain. M<sup>r</sup> Walter & wife had like to have been drowned at Peck's Wharf Cap' Skinner arr'd from Bristol. M<sup>r</sup> Inman set out for Connecticut

Sept 27. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Walter Read prayers & preached from 103<sup>rd</sup> Psalm & 19<sup>th</sup> Verse. This was a very Pathetick & Good Discourse & very Appropriate to M<sup>r</sup> Walter's late Misfortune — in which wee all Rejoyce for God's Remarkable Deliverance of him & wife.

Oct 1. Set out with Cap' Ashborne for Salem. Stopt at Flax Pond. I caught two dozen of fine large Perch & three Pickerell. Dined at Salem at



M<sup>r</sup> Goodhews after dinner I paid a visit to several of my old Acquaintances & Friends. M<sup>r</sup> Sam Barton, M<sup>r</sup> Douse, M<sup>rs</sup> Epps & Spent the evening at Colo. Pickman's. Slept at Goodhews. a good Tavern & good Lodging.

Oct. 2. Went to M<sup>r</sup> West's Fish Fence. Bought his Fish, did some other Business — in my way home stopt at Flax Pond & fished there. Left my Fishing Rod & Leather Dram Bottle there.

Oct 5. I waited on the Select men this forenoon about calling a Town-meeting. Wee agreed on Fryday

Oct 7. Dined at home with Stephen Hufsey, Abijah Folger jr Richard Coffin, Isaac Paddock. all four from Nantucket. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robert Jarvis, Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dashwood & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Spent part of the evening at the Coffee House with Treas. Gray, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray & John Boylston & the remainder at Turner's Ball in seeing the young Ladies Dance.

Oct 12. About eight of Clock we were alarmed by the cry of Fire which proved to be Edes Bakehouse at the North End. the wind was very high but by the Providence of God we soon got the better of it. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hohné arriv'd from London.

13 Oct. Rose very early M<sup>r</sup> Walter called on mee to go to Kendricks — but on Consultation wee thought the weather too Cold & therefore adjourn'd until Thursday. Cap<sup>t</sup> Copmer sail'd this day ab<sup>o</sup> one of Clock for Biddeford.

15 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis & Cap<sup>t</sup> Davison both from London arriv'd this afternoon.



16 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Wood in a Large Ship from St Christophers arriv'd consign'd to mee. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall arrivd from London in 45 Days.

17 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Calef arrivd from London.

18 Oct. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arriv'd this day from London.

23 Oct. Breakfasted with Cap<sup>t</sup> Wood at home.

Wee set out for Richards wee fished at Dedham Caufsway had good Sport come back to Richards & din'd with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Townsend of Medway, Cap<sup>t</sup> Woods & W<sup>m</sup> Speakman. Cap<sup>t</sup> Ashburn saild to Day.

27 Oct. Arriv'd the Captains Freeman & Smith from London. Spent the afternoon at the Coffee House with the Proprietors of Point Shirley—James Pitts Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait, John Hancock & Nathaniel Holmes

28 Oct. It has blown a very heavy Storm all Night & continued. Town Meeting this forenoon which I attended. in the afternoon Town Meeting, again I attended.

Oct. 29. In the afternoon attended the Town's Committee at Fanewill Hall. Present, myself, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, Melabiah Bourn, Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin, Henderson Inches, Jonathan Williams, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, John Ruddock, Joshua Henshaw & Solo. Davis. We could not agree & therefore adjourned until tomorrow, three of Clock.

Oct. 30. Met the Selectmen this Forenoon. In the afternoon the Committee met by Adjournment. Present, myself, Thos. Cushing, Melabiah Bourn, Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin, Henderson Inches, Jonathan Williams,

Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, John Ruddock, Joshua Henshaw, Solo. Davis, W<sup>m</sup> Greenleaf & Edm<sup>d</sup> Quiney tertius. We agreed to divide ourselves into six Classes & to get what subscriptions we can. M<sup>r</sup> Bourn and mee for the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Wards.

Oct. 31. After dinner I went over to the Governor's to get Jarvis's pass signed.

Nov. 2. Bad news from the back of the Cape. Several vessels on Shore. Green & Boylston's Brigg<sup>a</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nat. Holmes' Brigg<sup>a</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Tuthill Hubbard's Brigg, Cap<sup>t</sup> Prince's Sloop, a Connecticut Sloop & a great many others. Dind at Bullards on Turtle with (nineteen other gentlemen).

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Apthorp sailed for Jamaica this day as did Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot for London.

4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Spent the afternoon with the Selectmen. Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts arriv'd from London in whom several Gentlemen Passengers, Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple, Charles Paxton, M<sup>r</sup> Hollen & Twenty more names unknown to me, except M<sup>r</sup> Birch, M<sup>r</sup> Williams, M<sup>r</sup> Porter.

5 Nov. A wet Rainy Day. Pope weather! Spent the afternoon at the Select men's Room & the evening at Colo. Ingersolls with M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins & M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Hubbard, Gent<sup>n</sup> of the Charitable Society.

6 Nov. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis saild for London & Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot & M<sup>r</sup> Nat Rogers. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens Room.

7 Nov. This afternoon Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall arri'd at the pest house from London having the Small Pox on board. The Select men met & gave Hartly his Instructions.

9 Nov. Met the Select men this Forenoon with Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshall.

11 Nov. The Superior Court set yesterday & too Day. Spent the forenoon & afternoon with the Select men. All Present & the Town Clerk.

12 Nov. M<sup>r</sup> Blake from Hardwick paid me a visit. Din'd at Colo. Ingersolls on Venison with (thirteen other gentlemen) got myself pretty mellow & came home & went to Bed.

Nov. 15. M<sup>r</sup> Walter's child was Christened & named Lynde the Sponsors Stephen Greenleaf, Jona Simpson & wife.

Nov. 16. This is my Birthday Old Style & am now 52 years old the 27<sup>th</sup> Current. Attended the Superior Court all day on Eben<sup>r</sup> Stedsons affairs & spent the eve'ng at the Coffee House with the Proprietors of Point Shirley — James Pitts John Hancock, Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwait & Nat Holmes.

Nov. 20. Attended the Trial of Thieves & the Town Meeting which was conducted with Great Propriety & Moderation. Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake arrived this afternoon which saved the Freighters above three hundred pounds Lawful money — this being the Time fixed to pay the Duties on Glass, Painter's Colour's &c. An Imposition on America in my Opinion as Dangerous as the Stamp Act.

Dec. 3. Thanksgiving Day. I went to Church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached from the 97<sup>th</sup> Psalm & the 1<sup>st</sup> Verse. This was a Clever Discourse & much approved. Spent part of the evening at Colo. Ingersoll's with the Charitable Society & the remainder at Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Davis'.

Dec. 4. Spent the afternoon with the Committee for giving Instructions to the Representatives, Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana Esq M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, Dr Church, Henderson Inches & Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price.

Dec. 6. I went to Church both Forenoon & Afternoon. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached both Sermons from the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm & 160<sup>th</sup> verse. Both these Sermons were Metaphysical but well pickt & adapted to the present Season.

Dec. 11. The Halifax Packet arr'd & Brought News of the Duke of York's Death.

13 Dec. The York Papers Brought acc<sup>ts</sup> of Colo Scots Death, Sir John Sinclairs & Dr Grants Ladys.

14 Dec. Begins to snow & a great Storm. Din'd on board the Thames Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts with (fourteen gentlemen).

15 Dec. This afternoon I attended the Funeral of Old Madame Otis.

17 Dec. Spent the afternoon with the Committee of Instructions present Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana, myself, M<sup>r</sup> Payne, M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches, M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price.

19 Dec. Snows fast again. After Dinner I went in the Sleigh over to Gardners & spent an hour with John Erving Joseph Scot, M<sup>r</sup> Amiel, Solo Davis & Tho Brattle Brought them home.

Dec. 21. Extreme cold. The Harbour froze in as far as the Castle. This Day the shortest in the year.

Dec. 22. Snows very fast. Town meeting this forenoon — adjourned till three in the afternoon. Town meeting this afternoon. The town received Our Report.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day — very cold. I went to church this forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a very clever sermon from 2<sup>d</sup> Chap. St Luke & 32<sup>d</sup> verse. I applaud M<sup>r</sup> Walter's Behaviour very much.

Dec. 30. M<sup>r</sup> Barnes of Marlborough Breakfasted at our House with M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman. Dined at Colonel Ingersolls with the Free Mason's at the Celebration of St John. Present (49 Brethren) The General Court begins their Sessions this Day.

Dec. 31. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis's where the Club had their Annual Supper. Present — Treas. Gray, Thos. Gray, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, John Erving, Solomon Davis, Nich<sup>l</sup> Boylston, Ezekiel Goltwait, John Dennie, James Warden, Melabiah Bourn James Perkins & James Otis.

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Jan. 1 New Years Day. Still very cold.

Jan. 5. The Inferior Court set to Day. Spent part of the eve'ng at the Coffee House & the remainder at Joseph Harrison's Esq with him, M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison, Miss Betty, M<sup>r</sup> Richard Harrison, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>r</sup> Mills of Newhaven who entertained us most agreeably on his Violin. I think he plays the best of any Performer I ever heard.

Jan. 13. Town Meeting this forenoon to receive the Report of the Manufactory Committee. In the afternoon I went to the Funeral of M<sup>rs</sup> Rufus Greene & was one of the Bearers with Stephen

Greenleaf, James Hill, Colo. John Chandler, M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Simpson & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup>. Mrs. Rowe went to Assembly tonight.

Jan. 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake sailed for Jamaica this forenoon in whom I sent my Negro Boy Cato.

Jan. 21. About eight of Clock wee were alarm'd by the Cry of Fire which prov'd to be M<sup>r</sup> Valleys Shop. Wee soon got the better of it.

Jan. 26. A famous Tryal before the Court of Sessions this day against M<sup>rs</sup> Kneeland for stealing a Silver Spoon from Dr. Baker; it continued all Day. The Jury brought in their Verdict, not Guilty.

Jan. 27. Spent the evening at the Assembly. There were 27 Couple that drew.

Feb<sup>r</sup>y 2. This morning Miss Polly Hooper was married in Trinity Church to M<sup>r</sup> John Russell Spence by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter. A great concourse of People attended on the Occasion. Dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper's with her, the new Bridegroom & Bride, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthorp, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Hallowell, Miss Nancy Boutineau, Miss Dolly Murray, Bridemen & Bride-maids, M<sup>r</sup> Murray, M<sup>rs</sup> Murray, M<sup>r</sup> Stephen Greenleaf, M<sup>rs</sup> Greenleaf, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter, Major Byard, M<sup>rs</sup> Bayard, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hooper, M<sup>r</sup> John Hooper, M<sup>rs</sup> Eustis Nat<sup>h</sup> Apthorp. In the afternoon wee were joynd by M<sup>r</sup> Inman, Miss Suky, John Apthorp Esq & lady, Dr Bulfinch & lady, M<sup>r</sup> Amiel, M<sup>r</sup> John Erving & lady. Wee all Drank Tea, spent the evening there, had a Dance, wee were merry & spent the whole day very clever & agreeable.

Feb'ry 9. Spent the forenoon at the Court House hearing the Debates before the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council & House of Representatives on the Land Bank Scheme.

Feb'ry 10. Spent the eve'ng at the Assembly which was a very Brilliant One. The Governour & lady, all the Commissioners, M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & too many to enumerate were there. I rec<sup>d</sup> letters pr post giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of Geneste's arrival at Newport Rhode Island.

Feb'ry 11. Spent the evening at the Coffee House & a Disagreeable evening it was. The Topick of the Discourse was about the Seizure made by Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger & the rescizure of it afterwards by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hallowell. M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux in his representation & talk used the Surveyor General M<sup>r</sup> Temple most Cruelly and Barbarously; he abused the Character of said Gentleman most shamefully & said that if M<sup>r</sup> Folger made any seizures or held this, that it would not be of any benefit to him, upon which one of the Company asked M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux, who then would receive the benefit of M<sup>r</sup> Folger's part as Informer & he replied "Why, are you at a Loss — Why, M<sup>r</sup> Temple, the Surveyor General, & further said that there was an agreement between the Surveyor General & Folger. Intimating that the Surveyor General gave Folger his Place with a view to get money by it & swore he believed it. M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux was asked by M<sup>r</sup> John Erving "Surely you cannot believe the Surveyor General guilty of so Base a Design & you have behaved very Ill in



making the company think so" — his Reply was severall Times "I do Believe it." Upon which M<sup>r</sup> Erving & Mollineux had some smart speeches with each other. Some of the company were very uneasy at these Doings, & mentioned the Commission that Folger had Received from the Surveyor General to be Doubtfull & not Authentic enough to make seizures. Upon which M<sup>r</sup> Otis said the Commission he thought, was very Good, but that there was one Expression in it that some People Hesitated about & Repeated the Sentence in the Commission which Runs thus — and in my Behalf to seize for his Majesty's Use — Upon repeating of this Sentence M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux "Now Gentlemen, you see that I am Right in what I said," & seemed to lay great Stress upon these words — in my Behalf — signifying that whatever seizures were made by Folger, he, the said Folger, was not to have the profit arising from such seizures but the Surveyor General & that the Surveyor General gave him his Commission on these terms. I mentioned in the Course of this talk, that I had many times been in M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux' company but never heard him guilty of so great an Indiscretion before — Present — Solo. Davis, John Erving, Geo. Bethune, James Otis, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, James Warden & myself.

Feb'y. 12. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis'. M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux was there & renew'd his Discourse as on the last evening but soon went away.

15 Feb. The late Surveyor General M<sup>r</sup> Fenton P<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux a Visit ab<sup>t</sup> Two of Clock.



17 Feb. I forgot to mention the meeting of the Justices, Select men & Overseers of the Poor yesterday at Fanewill Hall to fix on a Day for a General Visitation of the Town & they fixd on Fryday. Dind at Major John Vafsalls at Cambridge. I paid a visit to Colo. Henry Vafsall & Family where I found Dr Russell who was married to Miss Betty on Monday Last.

19 Feb. Spent part of the Afternoon at the Funerall of M<sup>r</sup> John Scolly's son who was most unfortunately Drown'd.

23 Feb. M<sup>r</sup> Inman came home this morning (from Connecticut) Cap<sup>t</sup> Lewis Geneste arriv'd from Liverpool & Cap<sup>t</sup> Blythe from Bristol. Spent the evening at Normandy.

26 Feb. Attended the Select men this Forenoon ab<sup>o</sup> a Brigg<sup>s</sup> from Bristol Cap<sup>t</sup> Sargeant having had Small Pox.

Feb'y. 29. Attended the Court of Admiralty this forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> Folger's cause was put off until Friday.

Mar. 1. Spent the eve'ng at the Merchant's Meeting. W<sup>m</sup> Phillips Esq was chose Moderator. There were 98 merchts present. they voted, that it is the Opinion of this Company that every Legal Measure for freeing the Country from the present Embarrassments should be adopted & among, the stopping the Importation of Goods from Great Britain under Certain Limitations — then Chose a Committee of nine to fix and Report to this Company on adjournment, the best measures for carrying in

execution the foregoing vote. The following Gentlemen were Chose — myself, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips Esq. John Hancock Esq, Arnold Wells Esq, M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston John Erving jun<sup>r</sup>, Melabiah Bourn, Henderson Inches, it was also voted that John Hancock Esq be desired to procure a Copy of the Commissions of the Commissioners of the Customs & produce the same at the next meeting — then the meeting was adjourned until Fryday evening.

Mar. 2. I went with the Selectmen to view the new Engine No 6. built by Dav<sup>d</sup> Wheeler & approved of it, it being a good one.

Mar. 3. Spent the Forenoon with the Committee of Merchants. Spent the afternoon & part of the eve'ng with the Committee of Merchants, & part with the Charitable Society at Colo. Ingersoll's.

Mar. 4. This day the Gov<sup>r</sup> Prorogued the Assembly to the 13 April Spent the day with the same Committee of Merchants & in the evening wee reported to them as follows:

The Committee of Merchants appointed at their meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> 1768, having duly considered what they had in charge, do Report the following Resolutions viz

In consideration of the Great Scarcity of money which for several years has been so Sensibly felt among us & now must be Rendered much Greater not only by the immense Sums absorbed in the Collection of the Duties lately Imposed but by the great checks given thereby to Branches of Trades

which yeilded us the most of our money & means of Remittance,—In consideration also of the great Debt now standing against us, which if we go on Increasing by the excessive Import we have been accustomed to while our Sources of Remittance are daily drying up, must terminate not only in Our Own & Our Country's Ruin but that of many of our Creditors on the other side of the Water —

In consideration farther of the Danger from some Late Measures of our losing many Inestimable Blessings & advantages of the British Constitution which Constitution we have ever Rever'd as the Basis & Security of all we enjoy in this Life, therefore Voted

1<sup>st</sup> That we will not for one Year send for any European Commodities excepting Salt, Coals, Fishing Lines, Fish Hooks, Hemp, Duck, Bar Lead, Shot, Wool Cards & Card Wire &c & that the trading towns in the province & other provinces in New England together with those in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania be Invited to accede hereto —

2<sup>nd</sup> That we will encourage the Produce & manufactures of these colonies by the use of them in Preference to all other manufactures —

3<sup>rd</sup> That in the Purchase of Such Articles as we shall stand in need of, we will give a Constant Preference to such Persons as shall subscribe to these Resolutions —

4<sup>th</sup> That we will in our Separate Capacities inform our several Correspondents of the Reasons & point

out to them the necessity of withholding our usual Orders for their Manufactures—the said Impediment may be removed & Trade & Commerce may again flourish —

5<sup>th</sup> That these Votes or Resolutions be Obligatory or binding on us from & after the time that these or other Singular or tending to the same Salutary Purpose be adopted by most of the Trading Towns in this & the neighboring Colonies —

6<sup>th</sup> That a Committee be appointed to Correspond with merchants in the before mentioned Towns & Provinces & forward to them the foregoing Votes, & that s<sup>d</sup> Committee be Impowered to call a meeting of the merchants when they think necessary —

Mar. 9. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmen's Room & the evening at the Merchants Meeting at the Coffee House. The same Committee was chosen again & the Company voted some further Resolutions —

Mar. 10. Spent the afternoon with the Selectmen. We paid a visit to one Mary Phillips who was born Deaf & Dumb & has remained so ever since & is now upwards of 80 years of age. Mr Fessenden Brought my Colt yesterday from Rutland.

Mar. 11. Spent the whole day with the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Committee myself, John Hancock, Arnold Wells, Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston, Henderson Inches, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips & Melabiah Bourn. This Day Cap<sup>t</sup> Binney arr'd & Brought an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Death of M<sup>rs</sup> Scot at Dominico.

13 March. After Church I paid a visit to M<sup>r</sup> James Smith who I found very weak & low, also to Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who is also very Ill and full of Pain with the Gout.

Mar. 14. Spent this Day at the Annual Town Meeting for the Choice of Officers — the Select men the same as last year.

Mar. 15. In the afternoon met the Selectmen at Fanewill Hall to swear in ye Officers.

Mar. 18. The Anniversary of the Repeal of the Stamp Act. Dined at Colo. Ingersoll's with Treas. Gray, Harrison Gray jun<sup>r</sup>, Henry Green, John Timmins, Solo. Davis, Ralph Inman, Joseph Scot, Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle, Tho<sup>s</sup> Apthorp, Joshua Blanchard, John Spence, Geo Erving, Gregory Townsend, James Forrest & Rob<sup>t</sup> Hallowel — wee had a Genteel Dinner & Entertainment. After dinner the following Toasts were drank. 1. The King — 2. The Queen & Royal Family — 3 The Earl of Chatham — 4. Lord Chancellor — 5 Gen<sup>l</sup> Conway — 6. Marquis of Rockingham — 7 Duke of Grafton — 8 Gen<sup>l</sup> Howard — 9 Con<sup>l</sup> Barry — 10 Sir W<sup>m</sup> Meredith — 11 The Extension of Trades & Commerce — 12 The United & Inseparable Interest of G<sup>t</sup> Britain & her Colonies — 13 Prosperity to the Province — 14 May the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1766, the Day the Stamp Act was repealed be ever had in Memory of all True Briton & Americans — 15 Prosperity to All Sons of Liberty — 16 Prosperity to the Town of Boston — After these the Company were very cheerful & Gay & broke up about Eight of Clock — A

considerable Mob of young fellows & negroes got together this Evening & made great Noise & Hallowing, ab<sup>o</sup> Eight hundred appeared in King St & at Liberty Tree & went to the North End to John Williams the Inspector General, but did him no Damage — which the greatest part of the Gentlemen in Town were very glad of. There were two Effigies on Liberty Tree this morning marked C. P & J. W. but were taken down again by W<sup>m</sup> Speakman, Tho<sup>s</sup> Crafts & John Avery Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Mar 20. Very stormy, I dont remember to have heard it blow harder than this morning — snows very fast — very high tides, much damage done among the Shipping & Wharfs —

Mar 21. I spent the forenoon at the Court House to hear the Tryal between Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hallowell about the Seizure of Tea & after the whole morning debates it was adjourned until next Saturday morning Spent part of the afternoon with the Towns Committee to draw a Letter of Thanks to the Farmer for his Ingenious Letters —

Mar 22. Attended the Town Meeting all the Day, in which many Debates about M<sup>r</sup> Adams whose Friends were so warm in his favor that the Gentlemen could not get a Reconsideration of the vote passed on Monday last —

Mar. 23. As soon as I got abroad I heard very bad news about M<sup>r</sup> Spence — whose affairs have been imprudently Treated by M<sup>r</sup> Spooner — In the afternoon attended the Funeral of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Cheekly jun<sup>r</sup>, afterwards with the Select men.

24 March. M<sup>r</sup> Davidson Returned this eve'ng from Scituate after having got Abiel Turner to attach M<sup>r</sup> Spence's Sloop for my acc<sup>t</sup>

25<sup>th</sup>. Have been this forenoon with M<sup>r</sup> Spooner on M<sup>r</sup> Spence affairs. this afternoon I attended M<sup>r</sup> Spooner again on M<sup>r</sup> Spences affairs -- am in hopes to get them accommodated.

26 Mar. Spent the afternoon on M<sup>r</sup> Spooner's affairs. This day the Lawyers plead M<sup>r</sup> Folgers Case before the Judge of Admiralty.

27 Mar. This forenoon I paid M<sup>r</sup> Spence a visit. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bromage arriv'd from St Kitts in 24 Days. this vessell was blown off in December last coming from Leith bound here.

30 Mar. Spent the afternoon at the Selectmens Room & afterwards I met the proprietors of Long Wharf at the Coffee House

Mar 31. Attended the proprietors of the Long Wharf at the Coffee House — Present — Joshua Winslow Esq — chosen Treasurer — M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Oliver, M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock, M<sup>r</sup> James Boutineau, M<sup>r</sup> Gillam Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Arnold Wells, Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Waldo M<sup>r</sup> John Powell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Prince, M<sup>r</sup> Abijah Savage M<sup>r</sup> John Savage, M<sup>r</sup> John Stevens, M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Henderson M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hews, The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Eving Esq<sup>r</sup> We voted that the Stock in the hands of the Wharfinger be laid out in Repairing the wharf & be put into the Hands & under the Direction of a Committee now chose viz. Cap<sup>t</sup> Waldo, M<sup>r</sup> Wells, M<sup>r</sup> Powell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dalton & Jn<sup>n</sup> Savage

April 1. Good Friday. I went to church this



forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a very Pathetick & moving sermon suited to the Solemnity of this day which was greatly admired from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chap. St Paul's first Epistle to the Corinthians & 2<sup>nd</sup> Verse.

April 2. The Town several Times alarmed this morning by the Cry of Fire. One poor man lost his Life by falling off a Ladder.

Apr 4. This Forenoon the Wardens, Vestry & proprietors of the Pews in Trinity Church met according to their annual Custom to choose Officers &c for the year ensuing but this day to choose a Minister in the room of my Good Friend the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper there were 57 voters & the whole were in favour of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Walter. They afterwards voted him a Salary of one hundred fifty six pounds Ster'g p annum & forty pounds Ster'g more for his extra services the year past — they also voted the Widow Hooper fifty pounds Ster'g this present year.

Apr. 7. The proprietors of Long Wharf met at the British Coffee House & voted to build a pier head & added M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Oliver & M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau to the former Committee. This day Antony Letchmere sign'd his Indentures.

Apr. 8. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arr'd from London in M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Brigg<sup>a</sup>; out eight weeks. The Select men visited M<sup>r</sup> Proctor's school.

Apr. 10. I went to church both forenoon & afternoon. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached too very good Discourses on Prayer from the 2<sup>nd</sup>



Epis. Thessalonians 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap & 1<sup>st</sup> Verse "Pray for us" which sermons were well adapted to him being the first Sunday since he was unanimously chosen our minister & Incumbent.

14 April. Fast. I went to Cambridge Church this Forenoon. M<sup>r</sup> Sergeant Read prayed & preached. Din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Innans with him & George, Sucky & Sally, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>rs</sup> Eustis & M<sup>rs</sup> Billy Gould.

15 April. Met M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Gray, M<sup>r</sup> John Erving & M<sup>r</sup> John Low'l at Colo Ingersoll's on the said John Lowell's affairs.

16 April. After Dinner I took a Ride Round Dorchester. Colon<sup>l</sup> Dalrymple came to Town from New York & several officers.

22 April. Met the Committee of Merch<sup>ts</sup> at the Coffee House. John Hancock, Melabiah Bourne, Arnold Wells, Henderson Inches, Edward Payne, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips & adjourned untill Monday.

26 April. Settled with Cap<sup>t</sup> Lewis Geneste, After Dinner I Set out with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef for Plymouth, at Gardiner wee met M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Knights who Joyn'd us. We stopt at Brackets at Braintree & from there Reachd Cushings at Hingham. Wee spent the evening & slept there.

27 April. Reached Dr. Halls Pembroke, wee Breakfasted there, from thence to Duxbury; fished there & caught upwards five Dozen of fine Trout. wee din'd at Dr Harlows. Set out & called at Major Bradfords & from thence Reached Plymouth. I spent the evening and slept at Cap<sup>t</sup> White's.

28 Aprill. Did what Business I had to do din'd at Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow Esq with him M<sup>rs</sup> Winslow, M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow jun<sup>r</sup> Miss Dyer Miss Penny Winslow M<sup>r</sup> Calef M<sup>r</sup> Knights M<sup>r</sup> Hooker one of the Inspectors arrivd at Plymouth with Attendance. About three of Clock wee Returned to Duxbury, had good Sport, I Caught about a Dozen fine Trout. Wee went to General Winslows spent the evening & slept there.

29 Aprill. M<sup>r</sup> Pelham Winslow joynd us wee went a fishing had but poor Luck. Returned to Generalls & dind there with him M<sup>rs</sup> Winslow Miss Massy Little Miss Polly Little W<sup>m</sup> Sever Esq & Daughter M<sup>r</sup> Pelham Winslow M<sup>r</sup> Nat Ray Thomas M<sup>r</sup> Knights M<sup>r</sup> Calef. After Dinner we set out from thence, stopt at Fords & at Dr Halls & from thence to Cushings & slept.

30 Aprill. Wee went to Cushings Brook. M<sup>r</sup> Knights caught the finest Trout I ever saw. After Dinner set out for home stopt at Brackets paid our Reckoning £7. 2. 6 Old Ten<sup>r</sup> pr man for the Journey. Stopt at Crampeys & came home and found all well.

May 2. Met the Merchants at the Town House in the Representatives Room — agreed to the Resolutions of the City of New York — not to write for any Goods after the first of June, nor Import any after the first Day of October, until the Act Imposing Duties on Glass, Paper &c be repealed —

May 4. Town meeting for the choice of Representatives — the following Gentlemen were chosen

by a great majority, the whole number of voters 441.

James Otis	Esq	410
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cushing	"	433
John Hancock	"	432
Sam Adams	"	414

Din'd at M<sup>r</sup> James Otis with him, M<sup>rs</sup> Otis, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams (and others) .

9 May. Spent the afternoon with the Select men, Present Colo Jackson M<sup>r</sup> Ruddock M<sup>r</sup> Sewall M<sup>r</sup> Hancock M<sup>r</sup> Newell M<sup>r</sup> Phillips & myself & the Committee on M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coopers acc<sup>t</sup> James Pitts Esq<sup>r</sup> Royal Tyler Tho<sup>s</sup> Hubbard Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana & Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker. M<sup>r</sup> Sewall M<sup>r</sup> Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Newall & myself Resign'd.

11 May. I went to Cambridge with M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau & dind at M<sup>r</sup> Immans with him M<sup>r</sup> Gregory Townsend & M<sup>rs</sup> Townsend M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sally Inman. I went to the Dudleyan Lecture & heard M<sup>r</sup> Barnard of Salem preach a most sensible Discourse. Came home & found Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis arr'd from London

12 May. Spent the afternoon at the Select mens Room & the evening at the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Meeting in the Representatives Room.

14 May. Went with Gregory Townsend M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef & W<sup>m</sup> Speakman to Dedham Cofsway fishing had Good Sport.

18 May. The Romny Man of War Cap<sup>t</sup> Conell arrivd yesterday in Nantasket & this day in Kingroad. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hughes departed this Life Yesterday

May 23. Attended Town meeting this afternoon, three of the Select men Resigned. M<sup>r</sup> Sewall, M<sup>r</sup> Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Newall — three were chose in their place Jos Henshaw, Henderson Inches & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Pemberton.

May 24. Arr'd from London yesterday Cap<sup>t</sup> Rotch — arr'd from Liverpool this forenoon, Cap<sup>t</sup> Perkins. Arr'd from Cadiz this forenoon, M<sup>r</sup> Bethune's Brigg. I b<sup>d</sup> her Cargo. Arr'd from London & Halifax, Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown, & arr'd from Bristol M<sup>r</sup> Corbet's Snow — all long Passages — Spent the afternoon with the Committee of Merchants.

25 May. Election Day. I went to Meeting & heard M<sup>r</sup> Shute of Hingham preach. This was a very long sermon, being one hour & forty minutes. In the afternoon they chose Councillors. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock & Colo Ward new ones. I had fifty two votes.

26 May. The Governor negatived the following Gentlemen Colo Otis Colo Bowers Colo Gerrish Colo Ward John Hancock & Thomas Saunders Esq.

27 May. Cap<sup>t</sup> Skinner arrivd from Oporto & Ford from Hallifax

28 May. Went a fishing with M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Knights & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef at M<sup>r</sup> Days at Strawberry Hill in Springfield had but poor Sport, dind there with M<sup>r</sup> Day & wife came home & spent the evening with M<sup>r</sup> Rowe & Sucky

31 May. I went with the Select men to visit M<sup>r</sup> Ruddock & take a view of Winnissimmet Ferry way.

First June. Went to Flax pond with M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>

Calef, Cap<sup>t</sup> Handfield M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Jackson Sen<sup>r</sup>. Wee had good Sport, wee were joynd by M<sup>r</sup> McKneal from Surrinam & Archibald McKneal Wee dind at M<sup>r</sup> Graves wee went to Salem, wee spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Goodhues & slept there.

2<sup>nd</sup> June. Wee breakfasted at Colo Higginsons Returnd to Flax Pond. had but Ordinary Sport — After Dinner we Returned to Boston Spent part of the evening at the Charitable Society & the remainder at the Coffee House.

June 4. King's Birthday. Guns Firing, Drinking Healths etc

June 6. Dined at the Coffee House with the Governour & Council, the Officers of the Artillery & many other Gentlemen — M<sup>r</sup> Clark of Lexington preached a Sensible Discourse on the Occasion.

June 7. My New Store Raised this Day.

June 8<sup>h</sup>. Wednesday. A fine morning WNW. Capt Freeman arrived from Bristol in whom came Passengers Lady Frankland & Henry Cromwell. Dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's with him, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Brown of Portsmouth the Rev<sup>d</sup> Doct<sup>r</sup> Cooper President at New York, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple & wife, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sargent of Cambridge, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky came home & spent the evening with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky.

9 June. Thursday A fine morning Wind Westerly dined at home with M<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell Lady Frankland M<sup>r</sup> Inman Capt Solo Davis M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky. after Dinner M<sup>r</sup> Harrison & M<sup>rs</sup> Harrison paid us a visit spent the evening at home with the same company.

June 10. Yesterday the Select Men viewed the Ground for a Gun house & the North Battery. A considerable mob tonight occasioned by a seizure belonging to M<sup>r</sup> John Hancock. Some Damage to M<sup>r</sup> Harrison the Collector & his Boat Burnt.

June 13. The Select Men waited on the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council about Cap<sup>t</sup> Corner's pressing a man out of a Coaster — & the Affairs of the Town.

June 14. The People Assembled under Liberty Tree from thence removed to Fanewill Hall — there it was proposed to have a Regular Town Meeting called which was accordingly done — Afternoon the Town met at Fanewill Hall, the people were so many that M<sup>r</sup> Otis Ye Moderator proposed adjourning to Dr Sewall's Meeting — which was accordingly voted — & they met there — A Committee of Twenty One Gentlemen were Chose to wait upon Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard with a Humble Petition — which Petition to him is on File & I think a very smart Petition. The whole Twenty One met at M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Hancock's & proceeded in form to Roxbury to wait on Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard, M<sup>r</sup> Otis being Chairman introduced the Petition with a Genteel Speech. The Gov<sup>r</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> us very cordially — spoke very sensibly to some parts of the Speech & Petition & promised an answer in the morning — The Committee returned to M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's in order as follows, M<sup>r</sup> Otis, M<sup>r</sup> Hancock first —

M<sup>r</sup> Royal Tyler —

Myself —

M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Henshaw

John Ruddock Esq

M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches

“ Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne

“ Rich<sup>d</sup> Dana

“ Sam<sup>l</sup> Quincy

M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> CushingM<sup>r</sup> Melabiah BournM<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams“ Benj<sup>n</sup> Kent

Colo. Joseph Jackson

“ Josiah Quincy Jr

M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Pemberton

Dr Warren

Dr Church, Dr Young & Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Malcolm.  
all in carriages —

The Man of War the Romney unmoored this forenoon.

June 15. The Town met again at Dr Sewall's Meeting —

June 16. Spent the afternoon with the Towns Committee to draw Instructions to the Representatives on the Present Difficulties, that attend the Trade of this Town, myself, Dr. Warren, Dr. Church, M<sup>r</sup> John Adams, M<sup>r</sup> Dana & M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches. The Select men were ordered to attend the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council to hear the Report of their Committee & their Consultations with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Corner of his Majesty's Ship, the Roundy.

June 17. Spent the forenoon with the Same Committee as yesterday. Town Meeting in the afternoon.

June 18. Went to M<sup>r</sup> Ballard's at Natick Pond, there I met Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & M<sup>r</sup> Sam. Calef, wee fished there, had Great Sport — we caught several Perch Fifteen Inches Long & one Sixteen Inches. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bellew in his Majesty's Sloop Beaver arrivd yesterday evening from Hallifax & Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshman arriv'd from Lisbon & Jamaica consigned to me.

20 June. Dind at home with M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaff M<sup>r</sup>



Inman Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman & Sucky After Dinner wee went in Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshman's Boat to the Castle. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brett saild for London with Cap<sup>t</sup>. Hallowell Passenger.

22 June. Spent the afternoon with the Selectmen Dismissed James Kennedy this Day.

23 June. Begun to mow our Pasture. Dind at Old M<sup>r</sup> Goulds at Roxbury on Turtle (with eighteen others)

24 June. St Johns Day. Dind at M<sup>r</sup> Greatons. at Roxbury with (fifty seven Brethren. names all given) Wee spent the afternoon very agreeably

June 27. After dinner wee set out for Sherburne. wee stopt at Natick & reached Sherburne. Wee supped & slept at M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Sanger's jun<sup>r</sup>. I bought a hundred tons of Oak Timber a 22/8 p ton of M<sup>r</sup> Sanger, for Cap<sup>t</sup> Marshman who was present also Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson.

June 30. This day the General Court behaved very steadily & according to the Approbation of most Good People who have any Regard for their Country & Posterity—that they would not Rescind their former Resolutions which the Earl of Hillsborough took offense at, vide Newspapers—number of voters in the House 109 — 17 Yeas. 92 Nays. for my own satisfaction I record the seventeen yeas, that were so mean spirited to vote away their Blessings as Englishmen, namely their Rights, Liberty & Properties —

1 Peter Fry Salem 2 Dr. John Calef Ipswitch  
3 Jacob Fowle Marblehead 4 Rich<sup>d</sup> Saltonstall



Haverill 5 M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>no</sup> Bliss Springfield 6 Israel Williams Hatfield 7 J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Ashley jr Deerfield 8 Cap<sup>t</sup> Jos Root Sunderland 9 John Ashley Esq Sheffield & Great Barrington 10 Tim<sup>o</sup> Ruggles Hardwick 11 Josiah Edson Bridgewater 12 J<sup>n</sup><sup>o</sup> Sayward York 13 Mathew Mayhew Chilmark 14 W<sup>m</sup> Brown Salem 15 Chillingsworth Foster Harwich 16 M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Farrigan or Journigan 17 M<sup>r</sup> John Chadwick Tirlingham in the Co. of Berkshire

July 1. Yesterday the Gov<sup>r</sup> prorogued the General Court to the 3<sup>d</sup> Aug.

July 4. This Day Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard dissolved the General Court.

5 July. Tuesday A fine morning W at West Dined at Greatons at Roxbury on Turtle with

James Otis & wife	John Timmins
Solomon Davis & Wife	The Wid <sup>r</sup> Greene
Joseph Scot & wife	John Erving jun <sup>r</sup>
James Perkins & wife	Miss Bouchee
William Sheaffe & wife	Tho <sup>s</sup> Brattle
Henry Cromwell & Lady	Miss Katy Wendall

Frankland

Sam F Allen Otis & wife	George Bethune & wife
Joshua Winslow jun <sup>r</sup> & wife	Benj <sup>n</sup> Fanewill jun <sup>r</sup> & wife
	M <sup>r</sup> Inman & myself

Afterwards we were Joynd by Two Mifs Perkins Miss Joanna & Miss Betty. We spent the Evening & had a Dance there very agreeable.

July 6. This Day the Select Men Visited the School & dined at Fanewill Hall with seventy Gentlemen.

John Erving Esq <sup>rs</sup>	} <i>Counsellors</i>	Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Mather
James Bowdoin “		“ Dr Byles
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hubbard “		“ Dr Cooper
Harrison Gray “	} <i>The Representatives of the Town</i>	“ M <sup>r</sup> Blain
Tho <sup>s</sup> Flucker “		“ M <sup>r</sup> Bowen
		“ M <sup>r</sup> Howard

The Seven Select Men, The 12 Overseers. Colo. Marshal, Major Cunningham, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dawes, Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Holmes, The Town Treasurer, The Town Clerk, M<sup>r</sup> Sewall, M<sup>r</sup> Astor, M<sup>r</sup> Phillips, M<sup>r</sup> Newall, M<sup>r</sup> Scollay, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Greene, all the schoolmasters & ushers & the Boys in the Head form of Master Lovells school.

After Dinner M<sup>r</sup> James Otis & myself went to M<sup>r</sup> Inmans where we found Col. Phipps & wife, M<sup>r</sup> John Apthorp & wife Capt. Solo Davis & wife, M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell & Lady Frankland, Miss Betty Debuque, Miss Katy Wendall, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, Sucky & Sally Inman. We Drank Tea and had a fine Desert of Cherrys & Strawberries. I came home & spent the Evening with the members of the Charitable Society at Colo John Ingersolls. M<sup>r</sup> Jenkins M<sup>r</sup> Dan Hubbard & M<sup>r</sup> John Box Sen<sup>r</sup>.

7 July. Thursday A Rainy Morning W at S<sup>o</sup> Dined at Colo David Phipps at Cambridge with him & wife M<sup>r</sup> John Apthorp & wife M<sup>r</sup> William Davis & wife M<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell M<sup>r</sup> Inman Lady Frankland M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Miss Betty Debuque Miss Katy Wendall. came home & spent the Evening at the Coffee house with Treasurer Gray Joshua Winslow Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux John Boylston Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray & James Otis.

July 9. Saturday A fine morning. W S<sup>o</sup> West Dined at Ten Hills with M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple & wife M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell Lady Frankland M<sup>r</sup> Stewart M<sup>r</sup> Fenton M<sup>rs</sup> Fenton M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Miss Bessy Temple & M<sup>r</sup> Temple's 4 Daughters in the afternoon we were Joynd by M<sup>r</sup> John Temple the Surveyor & Lady. Came home and spent the Evening with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. Miss Sucky gone to Marlborough.

July 15. Went to Flax Pond. we fished there and had pretty good sport. We spent the evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Graves' & slept at her daughter Becky's.

July 16. Rose early & went fishing. dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Graves. Came home & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe told me of the Sons of Liberty visiting at M<sup>r</sup> Williams the evening before & that he engaged to meet them on the Change this day which he did & great numbers, she says were present. he asked them what Questions they had to ask him that he might answer them but no Person made him any Reply.

July 20. Commencement Day. I went to Cambridge. dined with a very large company at Jos. Henshaws. paid a visit to Tutor Hancock's, met the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Barnard of Marblehead, afterwards p'd a visit to M<sup>rs</sup> Greene where were a very large company, too many to enumerate.

July 21. Dined with M<sup>r</sup> David Greene with a very large Company. Spent the eve'ng there. we had a Dance. I was Master of the Ceremonies. Slept at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's.

26 July. Tuesday A fine morning Wind at West Dined at home with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky & In-

man Cap<sup>t</sup> Christo Prince arrived from London Spent the afternoon with Lady Frankland M<sup>rs</sup> McNeal M<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gould M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky & the Evening at M<sup>r</sup> James Richardsons with the Firewards. Present Joseph Tyler Cap<sup>t</sup> Waldo M<sup>r</sup> John Miso Wendall M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Cooper Colonel Marshall, James Richardson John Scolley Cap<sup>t</sup> Holings Cap<sup>t</sup> Gay & Cap<sup>t</sup> Paddock.

28 July. Thursday A fine morning WS<sup>o</sup> West. Dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Williams M<sup>r</sup> Henry Cromwell M<sup>r</sup> Tristram Dalton M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky & George Inman. In the afternoon the Merchants met & adjourned untill Monday. Spent the Evening at the Pofsee. Rufus Greene Benj<sup>n</sup> Greene Francis Johnnot W<sup>m</sup> Coffin James Richardson John Avery W<sup>m</sup> Henshaw Tho<sup>s</sup> Foster & Sam Swift.

July 29. This forenoon the Governour & Council met on affairs of consequence it is supposed Relative to the Introduction of Troops which has greatly alarmed the Inhabitants.

Aug. 1. Spent the afternoon at the General Merchants Meeting at Fanewill Hall at which place there were present sixty two — sixty of which signed an agreement I have on File not to Import any Goods. Spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Barber's Insurance Office & the Silver Bowl was this evening for the first time introduced, N<sup>o</sup> 45. Weighs 45 ounces & holds 45 gills. Present

John Hancock

M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bowen

Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams

“ John Marston

Cap <sup>t</sup> Malecom	M <sup>r</sup> John Welsh
M <sup>r</sup> John White	Tho <sup>s</sup> Cushing
Cap <sup>t</sup> Cobb	Myself
M <sup>r</sup> Daniel Parker	Cap <sup>t</sup> Vernon
James Otis	John Ruddock
Major Doane	M <sup>r</sup> Crane of the Vineyard &
Cap <sup>t</sup> Mackay	M <sup>r</sup> Nat. Barber

Aug. 2. The Committee of Merchants met & got further subscriptions.

Aug. 7. I went to church & M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached from 14 Chap. St Luke & 14<sup>th</sup> Verse. this was a most sensible, charitable Discourse being a Collection of Charity for the Sufferers by Fire at Montreal in the province of Quebeck.

Aug. 8. The Merch<sup>ts</sup> met at Fanewill Hall present ab<sup>o</sup> 100.

Aug. 10. I went with the following company to view Rainsford Island on the Province Acc<sup>t</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, James Otis, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Joshua Henshaw Colo. Jackson John Ruddock John Hancock Sam<sup>l</sup> Pemberton Henderson Inches Benj<sup>n</sup> Austin Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray David Jeffries W<sup>m</sup> Cooper Dr Chauncey Dr Elliot Sam<sup>l</sup> Mathew Colo. Brattle & myself. Wee dined there, were very merry.

Aug. 15. Dined at Greatons with a Number of Gentlemen about one Hundred — who were very jovial & pleasant & in the forenoon a great Number of People were at Liberty Hall where there was a variety of Good Musick exhibited & Great Joy appeared in every countenance, being the Anniversary Day of the Sons of Liberty —

Aug. 16. I went to Dennis Island & dind there on a Barbicue with (23 others).

Aug. 17. After Dinner I set out with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef for Colo. Doty's — wee fished on Punkapaud Pond — spent the eve'ng & slept at Colo. Doty's.

Aug. 18. Wee went again to fish — had great sport, caught upwards of twenty dozen & some large Fish — set out for home, were caught in the Rain, and stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Clarks at Milton.

24 August. Wednesday a Cold morning W at W. Dined at home with Colo Bourn of Mhead M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky Spent the Evening at Lady Franklands with Her and his sister, M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell Madam Apthorp Dr Bulfinch M<sup>rs</sup> Bulfinch M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky

25 Aug. Our Wedding Day having been married twenty three years. M<sup>r</sup> Davidson arrivd from the Island of St Johns this day. Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger saild for London. M<sup>r</sup> John Boylston went home pafsenger in him.

29 Aug. Poor W<sup>m</sup> Speakman was taken in a fit & had doubtful Struggles for Life.

30 August. Tuesday A fine Cold Morning W N West Superiour Court setts this Day — dined at home say at M<sup>r</sup> Lavicount's at Cambridge with him & M<sup>rs</sup> Lavicount M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell & Lady Frankland M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaffe & M<sup>rs</sup> Sheaffe Colo Phipps & M<sup>rs</sup> Phipps M<sup>r</sup> John Apthorp his lady and Miss Bettsy Greenleaf, Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Davis M<sup>rs</sup> Davis M<sup>r</sup> Inman Miss Sally Sheaffe & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe came home & spent the evening with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

4 Sept. In the Begginning of the evening I went to the Quarterly Lecture at Fanewill Hall. M<sup>r</sup> Adams of Roxbury preached a Good Sermon on the occasion

5 Sept. Wee met on an Arbitration between M<sup>rs</sup> Eustice & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Bowes present M<sup>r</sup> Ezek Goltwait M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price M<sup>r</sup> Murray myself. Spent the evening at the Fire Club for the first Time The Word "Ask More"

9 Sept. The Governour told mee in Conversation Yesterday morning that he had Stav'd off the Introducing Troops as long as he could but could do it no longer.

10 Sept. I went out to Richards with Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef a fishing on the Cofsway — was very Lucky — caught many Perch & fine ones — Lost severall fine Hooks & Snoods.

11 Sept. After Church the Selectmen met about a Cask that was fix'd on the Saddle of the Beacon.

16 Sept. Fryday A fine Morning W N<sup>o</sup> West dined at home with Capt Jacobson M<sup>r</sup> Thos Brattle M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky. Spent the Evening at John M<sup>c</sup>Neal Esq at a Rout being his Birth Day with him his Lady son & Daughter M<sup>r</sup> Fenton M<sup>r</sup> Archibald M<sup>c</sup>Neal & Two Daughters M<sup>r</sup> Robert Gould his wife Miss Bettsy & Miss Sally M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Dumaresque & wife M<sup>r</sup> Gordon Doctor Gardiners Lady & Two Daughters M<sup>r</sup> Lavicount & wife & M<sup>rs</sup> Ju<sup>n</sup> Vafsall M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis & wife M<sup>r</sup> Parsons M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Miss Sucky M<sup>r</sup> George Brinley



his wife & M<sup>rs</sup> Atkinson M<sup>r</sup> Griffin from Maryland  
M<sup>r</sup> Hartley M<sup>r</sup> Forrest M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Hallowell Dr Pettigrew  
M<sup>rs</sup> Hardrigg M<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gould & M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell.

Sept. 20. Afternoon I attended the Select Men  
& waited on the Council to consult about Barracks  
for the Troops that are expected.

Sept. 23. King's Coronation Day. The Convention met at Fanewill Hall this day.

Sept. 28. This forenoon came to anchor in Nantasket Roads six sail of Men of War supposed to have the 14<sup>th</sup> Regm<sup>t</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Regm<sup>t</sup> on board.

Sept. 29. Arr'd three more of his Majesty's Ships of War from Halifax so that are now in our harbour —

The Launceston	Cap <sup>t</sup> Gill
“ Romney	“ Corner
“ Glasgow	“ Allen
“ Mermaid	“ Smith
“ Bonelton	“ Wallace
“ Martin	“ Haywood
“ Senegall	“ Cookson
“ Beaver	“ Billings
“ St Lawrence	Schooner armed Cap <sup>t</sup> Dundas
“ Magdalene	“ “ “ Calder
“ Gaspee	Cap <sup>t</sup> Allen
“ Hope	“ Dawson

Oct. 1. This day the Troops came ashore — the 14<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Regm<sup>t</sup> and 2 companies of the 29<sup>th</sup> with a company of Artillery — they marched into ye Common. Colo Dalrymple summoned the Select Men. they all met & did not think themselves

obliged to take Cognisance for their being Quartered in Town so that the 29<sup>th</sup> pitched their Tents in the Common the 14<sup>th</sup> got into Fanewill Hall & part of the 59<sup>th</sup> at Rob<sup>t</sup> Gordons Stores.

Oct. 2. I went to the Coffee House to pay a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Edlington & was most smartly accosted by Cap<sup>t</sup> Dundass in the following words — “Ha John are you there — Dammy I expected to have heard of your being hanged before now, for Dammy You deserve it” upon which I made reply “Surely Cap<sup>t</sup> Dundafs, you’re Joking” — upon which he answered “No” — Damn him if he was, for you are a Damn Incendiary & I shall see you hanged in your Shoes — & repeated the same — upon which I say to him “Then you are in earnest are you, I was in hopes you were joking” — “No” he repeated “Damn you, I am in earnest, I tell you. You are an Incendiary & I hope to see you hanged yet in your shoes.” I took notice who were present as it was spoke about Twelve of Clock at Noon. M<sup>r</sup> Forrest, M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Dumaresque, M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Brinley & several officers of the Army who I did not know in the Coffee Room & entry way — I thought it Prudent not to take any Notice of it just then but came home to dinner.

Oct. 5. After Dinner a Committee from the Grand Lodge Bro. Rich<sup>d</sup> Gridley, Bro. Jenkins & Bro. John Cutler — they Presented me the Commission from the Duke of Beaufort appointing me Grand Master of N<sup>o</sup> America — afterwards I met

the Select men & spent the evening at the Charitable Society & an hour at the Coffee House.

Oct. 7. Let one of my houses to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ohara yesterday & the other this day to Major Furlong — both at £20 Ster'g per annum.

Oct. 10. Last night some Villains cut the Frame of the Guard House so as to Render it useless. some people make Light of this affair, but I think the scoundrels that did it ought to be severely punished & I wish they may be found out.

Oct. 14. I went to the Funeral of Old M<sup>rs</sup> Skinner & was a bearer.

Oct. 15. General Gage arr'd from New York at Major Byards at Roxbury. The regiments were under arms & made a Good Appearance. The General with his attendants came into Town ab<sup>o</sup> four p.m. The Artillery saluted with 17 Guns. They passed & marched along the Front of both Regiments & Cap<sup>t</sup> Wilsons two Companies who were formed in the Center.

Oct. 16. This morning I waited on Colo. Robertson who came with Gen. Gage. He received me very Politely. I had a full hour's discourse with him ab<sup>o</sup> the troops. I find him to be a Gentleman of Great Abilities & very cool & dispassionate. I took a walk & met Gen. Gage & Colo. Dalrymple. Gen. Gage engaged me to wait on him tomorrow morning.

Oct. 20. This day the Sheriff got into the Factory House.

Oct. 22. Waited on Colo. Maitland Adj't Gen.

to provide a Division for the King's Gunpowder in the Magazine. This forenoon was held a General Court Martial on a soldier of the 14<sup>th</sup> who deserted. Colo. Dalrymple sat a President. I also attended Gen. Gage & Colo Robertson.

23 Oct. The Honble John Temple Esq Child was Christened this forenoon at our Church. The Sponsors were Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage, Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple Esq<sup>r</sup> & his Lady — by the name of Greenville.

Oct. 28. Spent part of the evening with the Grand Lodge. They agreed to Install the Grand Master on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Nov. & ordered the Secretary to write a letter to our Brother the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Bass of Newbury on the occasion.

Oct. 29. This day the Troops went from Fanewill Hall into the Barracks. The Select men met about an affair of Cap<sup>t</sup> Wilson's, they were all present but referred it until Monday.

1 Nov. Tuesday the first of November a fine morning WW Dined at home with M<sup>r</sup>. Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky — this day Cap<sup>t</sup> Willson was carried before Justice Dana for some Drunken Behaviour & bound over to the Sessions Spent part of the Evening at the Coffee house with James Otis & John Erving John Dennie, Henderson Inches Solo Davis Nich Boylston James Warden W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux & the Remainder at Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nealls with him, his Lady his Daughter General Gage Colo Robertson Colo Maitland Colo Dalrymple Colo Kerr Major Gambell Major Small Major Sheriff Cap<sup>t</sup> Kimball Cap<sup>t</sup> Matrin Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston M<sup>r</sup> Mills M<sup>r</sup>

Leigh M<sup>r</sup> Forrest M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell D<sup>r</sup> Pettigrew Cap<sup>t</sup> Molesworth Major Vafsall & Lady, M<sup>r</sup> Lavicount & Lady — M<sup>r</sup> Dumaresq & wife M<sup>r</sup> Arch<sup>d</sup> M Neall & wife & three Daughters — Two Miss Martins M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky Inman Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Handfield M<sup>rs</sup> Handfield M<sup>rs</sup> Billy Gould Brigg<sup>r</sup> Royall Miss Polly Royal & Miss Gardner.

9 Nov. Wednesday A Dull heavy morn'g WS<sup>o</sup> dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Molesworth of the 29<sup>th</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Bracket & M<sup>r</sup> Leight of the 14<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky Spent part of the evening at the Coffee house with Joshua Winslow Treasurer Gray Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait Geo Bethune Melachiar Bourne Will<sup>m</sup> Mollineux John Erving Nich<sup>o</sup> Boylston & James Otis And the Remainder at home with M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell Lady Frankland her sister M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky

Tis Reported the Commifsioners Came to Town this Day. I saw One of them M<sup>r</sup> Robinson

Nov 10. This morning Colo. Pomroy arr'd with part of the Irish Regiments N<sup>o</sup> 64 & 65 — This day also the famous Tryal between Mollineux & Cotton — Snow ab<sup>o</sup> Eleven of Clock.

Nov. 13. The Commissioners & their officers all at church this day — & the first time they have appeared in Publick — Dr Catherwood arr'd on the Romney Man of War from Halifax — in her the Commodore & Lady — also Lord W<sup>m</sup> Campbell & Cap<sup>t</sup> Gould — The Doctor gives the Commodor Hood a great character

Nov. 18. When I got to my store this morning,

found it Broke open & sundry Goods therein taken way to my great mortification — Spent the evening at the Coffee House with the Grand Lodge, 82 Brethren present

Nov. 19. I carried a fellow before Justice Quiney to night on suspicion of theft, who called his name Tobin — alias Jacobs — who committed him.

Nov. 23. I had the honour & pleasure of being Installed Grand Master of Masons for North America at Concert Hall this morning This was a very solemn Ceremony After the Installation the whole Fraternity proceeded in Order & marched in Procession from Concert Hall round the Town House, accompanied with two Brass Bands of musick, the 59<sup>th</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> Regiments, to Trinity Church, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter read Prayers & our Worthy Brother the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bass of Newbury preached from the 21<sup>st</sup> Chap. St John & part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Verse After service wee returned in Procession to Concert Hall and dined on an elegant Entertainment provided by a Committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge — there were one hundred thirty four Brethren present — wee spent the afternoon very cheerfully & in good order which did honour to the Craft I came home at Eight of Clock in the evening & spent the evening at home with D<sup>r</sup> Catherwood, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky

Nov. 24. Gen. Gage & Family went out of Town this morning. I took my leave of the General who behaved very Politely &c.

Nov. 26. I waited on the Commodore who Receiv'd me very politely.

Dec. 1. Thanksgiving Day — I paid a visit to Lord W<sup>m</sup> Campbell at M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau's, who was going on Board (the Glasgow to sail for Halifax) Dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's at Cambridge with Dr. Catherwood, Capt O'hara, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky, George & Sally Inman — came home & spent the evening at Cap<sup>t</sup> Solomon Davis' with him, M<sup>rs</sup> Davis, Miss Betty Debuque Miss Katy Wendall, Lady Frankland, M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell, M<sup>rs</sup> Swain, M<sup>r</sup> Sheaffe, M<sup>rs</sup> Sheaffe, Miss Saky Sheaffe, M<sup>rs</sup> Skinner, Miss Penny Winslow, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Brattle & M<sup>r</sup> Inman, also Dr. Catherwood.

Dec. 5. Be it remembered that Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich of the Senegal pressed all Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood's hands.

Dec. 15. Cap<sup>t</sup> McNeal arr'd from Quebeck who broug<sup>t</sup> me a Bill on the Commissioners of the Customs I attended with Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts from twelve till almost three on their High Mightinessesses — this Behaviour of theirs is not only very Insolent but not to be born & for which they may hear more about.

Dec. 25. Sunday & Christmas Day — I dined at home with M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle, Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky W<sup>m</sup> & Gilbert Speakman & Anthony Lechmere. I pd a visit to Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who is very Ill.

Dec. 27. We celebrated the Feast of St John at Colo Ingersoll's where we had a very elegant dinner & 48 present.



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Jan. 6. We searched M<sup>r</sup> Vickers house & found some of my goods that were stole out of my warehouse in November — & sent Stoodly to goal — the other Vickers made his escape. Dined & supped at Commodore Hood's.

Jan. 10. This day the King's speech came to hand. Spent the eve'ng at the Pofsee. when I came home found the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter with whom I had two hours Conversation on the Times.

Jan. 19. Queen's Birthday — three Regiments under arms on the Common 14<sup>th</sup> — 29<sup>th</sup> & 64<sup>th</sup> they made a fine appearance. Spent the evening at the Assembly for the first time — too much Confusion

Jan. 31. Last night I was awakened by the cry of Fire it was the County Goal which was burnt down & the neighbourhood very much in Danger. The officers & Army behaved extremely clever on this Occasion & ought to have the Publick thanks of this Town. I can truly say they were the means of saving it — I waited on Brigadier Pomroy & Colo. Kerr & thanked them for their Behaviour. Attended the Selectmen on the affair of Hollidays. Attended the Funeral of Master Holbrook. this afternoon met the Adventurers in the Whale Fishery at the Coffee House

Febry. 1. Yesterday three of the Prisoners were examined before the Bench of Justices for the Sessions for setting fire to the Goal, their names —

Abel Badger of this Town, a Great Rogue — one Donnelly, a soldier & one Man Michael — all very bad Fellows

Febry 2. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Forbes married to Miss Dolly Murray this day at Brush Hill.

Febry 7. I went to James Smith Esq at Brush Hill & dined there with him M<sup>rs</sup> Smith, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Forbes M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes, M<sup>r</sup> Clark, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould, M<sup>rs</sup> Gould, Miss Betty & Sally Gould, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky After dinner Mad<sup>m</sup> Belcher & daughter paid them a visit —

Febry 9. The harbour all froze in. People came from the Castle on the Ice.

Feb. 14. I went this morning in the Sleigh to Cambridge & din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Inman

Mar. 6. Dined at Major Cunningham's, with him, his two sons — all his officers of his Company, the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Elliot — M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches, M<sup>r</sup> John Adams Lawyer — M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Trot Sen<sup>r</sup> & jun<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> George Trot & M<sup>r</sup> Baker. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis with the Fire Club.

Mar 7. This forenoon Cap<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kowan's ship was seized by the Custom House officers.

Mar. 13. Town Meeting. I desired my Friends not to vote for me as Selectman & in Consequence was not Chose, but M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Mason was Chose in my Room. In the afternoon I went to Town Meeting. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams affair came on & the prayer of his Petition Granted, which appears to be a very wrong step in the Town, & what they, I am afraid will repent.

Mar. 14. This forenoon the Superior Court met in the New Court House & made a splendid appearance.

Mar. 15. Spent the evening at the Assembly with the Governour, Commodore, General, Colo. Kerr Colo. Lesly, Major Furlong, Major Fleming, Major Fordyce. A Great Number of Officers of the Navy & Army & Gentlemen & Ladies of the Town, that it was a Brilliant Assembly & very Good Dancing.

Mar. 16. Attended the Superior Court this afternoon ab<sup>o</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Thomas's Briggs Hallowells' affairs. Spent the evening at the Fife Major's Concert at Concert Hall — there was a large genteel Company & the best Musick I have heard performed there After I came home wee were alarmed by the cry of Fire which happened at Henderson Inches — but, Thank God, it did very little Damage.

Mar. 19. Just heard of the death of my Friend Colo Henry Vassall of Cambridge who died Fryday night.

22. Mar. Wednesday very Cold Blows hard N. West dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inman at Cambridge with him M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell Lady Frankland M<sup>rs</sup> Harding Miss Mollie Wethered M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & George Inman in the afternoon I went to the Funerall of Henry Vassall Esq<sup>r</sup>. I was a Pallholder together with General Brattle Colo Phipps Jos Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Letchmore Esq & Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple Esq it was a very handsome Funerall & a Great Number of People & Carriages, came to Town in the Evening & spent the Evening

at the Pofsee with Rufus Greene Benj Greene Tho<sup>s</sup> Foster Sam<sup>l</sup> Swift Jn<sup>o</sup> Box James Richardson Will<sup>m</sup> Henshaw Francis Johnnot W<sup>m</sup> Coffin & John Avery.

I laid a Wager of a Beaver Hat with Sam Swift that M<sup>r</sup> George Ruggles married his Present Wife after the year 1737

Mar. 23. I sent out the Tickets to invite the Charitable Society this morning I sold my Schooner Suky to Capt. Billings This afternoon I attended the Superior Court M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Thomas' action against Briggs Hallowell came on & the Jury Brought in a Verdict £329.. 4.. 9 in favour of M Thomas

Mar. 26. M<sup>r</sup> Forbes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment preached a most excellent discourse This Mr Forbes is a most delightful & charming preacher.

Mar. 28. Dined at Colo. Ingersolls with the Members of the Charitable Society — Present John Rowe Treas. His Excellency Gov. Barnard Colo. Pomroy, Commodore Hood J<sup>m</sup> Aphthorp Stephen Greenleaf — W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup> John Greene Nath. Greene Jos Greene, Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard, Henry Loyd, Jon Simpson, M<sup>r</sup> Inman John Box Sen<sup>r</sup> John Box jun<sup>r</sup>, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Winslow, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Palmer & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Byles We had a fine Salmon for Dinner —

Mar. 29. Spent the Evening at the Assembly which was a very Brilliant one.

Apr. 2. I went to church both forenoon & afternoon & acted as Warden for the first time.

Apr. 6. After dinner I took a Ride to Milton, came to Town & spent the eve'ng at Colo Ingersolls

Apr. 9. About eleven M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & I went to Cambridge wee dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Vassall's with her, Dr Russell M<sup>rs</sup> Fanewill Sen<sup>r</sup>, Miss Polly Betume, W<sup>m</sup> Vassall, his Lady, his Daughter, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & Suky Inman In the afternoon wee went to church — M<sup>rs</sup> Vassall M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & myself stood Sponsors for Dr Russell's child named Penelope After church wee returned to Mistress Vassall's & drank tea & coffee.

Apr. 11. Dined at the Coffee House with the Proprietors of Long Wharff — Andrew Oliver Esq., Arnold Wells, M<sup>r</sup> Habajah Savage M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Henderson, M<sup>r</sup> Gillam Phillips, John Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hewes, Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>m</sup> Waldo, M<sup>r</sup> Oliver Wendall Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Prince, D<sup>r</sup> Whitworth, M<sup>r</sup> Boutineau, Jos. Winslow Esq, M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Powell, Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins Tho<sup>s</sup> Savage, Cap<sup>t</sup> James Dalton, John Hancock & myself.

Apr. 12. Some letters of Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard to the Earl of Hillsborough are sent over by M<sup>r</sup> Bollan which makes great noise & censure. Spent the evening at the Assembly, a very large Company — Gov<sup>r</sup> absent.

Apr. 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker arrivd from Glasgow in A Short Passage of Twenty two days.

Apr. 21. Cap<sup>t</sup> Molesworth of the 29<sup>th</sup> carried off Miss Suky Sheaffe to Hampton — I met the Merchants at Fanewill Hall this afternoon.

Apr. 24. M<sup>r</sup> Hooper of Marblehead came to

town & brings the melancholly acc<sup>t</sup> of Lieut. Paxton being killed in endeavoring to Press some hands of M<sup>r</sup> Hooper's Brigg, Cap<sup>t</sup> Poor fr Cadiz.

May 6. Settled with M<sup>rs</sup> Speakman ab<sup>o</sup> the Land near the Stillhouse — I went out of Town & called on M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Payson & M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jones & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Voses at Milton Bridge.

May 7. I went again to see M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Payson who I found in very deplorable circumstances.

May 8<sup>th</sup>. I sold my Stillhouse &c to Colo Jackson for the sum of £886.13.4.

May 14. After church there was a contribution for the Widow of the Late Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hooper, the sum was £319.13.9 equal to £42.13 & 3<sup>d</sup> Lawful Money — this I think with Private Donations may be equal to the sum voted her last year, at least I hope so.

May 31. Election Day.

June 1. The Governour Negatived eleven counsellors — James Boudoin, Brigg<sup>r</sup> Brattle, Jos. Henshaw, M<sup>r</sup> Foster, M<sup>r</sup> Greenleaf, Colo. James Otis, Colo. Bowers, M<sup>r</sup> Saunders, Colo. Gerrish, & M<sup>r</sup> Walter Spooner.

June 3. Went with M<sup>r</sup> James Perkins & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Spot Pond a fishing — we were joyned by Major Vassall & M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Medford — Wee had very great luck — I never saw such large Perch. before Caught there, many of them ab<sup>o</sup> 12 inches.

June 4. King's birthday — All the Men of War in harbour fired 21 guns each.

June 5. Washing day. Dined at Fanewill with the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council & the Artillery Company. Spent the evening at the Concert Hall with a very Brilliant company of Gentlemen & Ladies — a fine Ball, excellent Musick & a good large Plumb Cake.

June 7. I rose very early & went to Cambridge with Colo. Robertson, Dr Cathierwood, Major Golthwait, Lord George Gordon, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky & breakfasted at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's — Afterwards I went with the same Company to the College with M<sup>r</sup> Winthrop who was very obliging & shew us the Apparatus which is very Elegant, also the Library.

June 10. Capt Hall arrivd from London. Great News.

June 14. Sent for Dr. Loyd to have my Tooth drawn & had not Resolution to go thro' the Operation. This day Power & others were on Tryal for their Conduct on board the Rose Man of War. their Behaviour was very Couragious & I think very Right.

June 15. The 14<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> were Reviewed by Gen<sup>l</sup> McKay they Behaved extremely Clever & were much Admired & were much Approv'd by the General. The Gov<sup>r</sup> Adjourned the General Court. After dinner M<sup>r</sup>. R & I took a Ride round Jamaica Pond where wee had the Melancholly Sight of Maj<sup>r</sup> Byard's Ruins.

June 19. Began to mow the Pasture.

June 20. Let my Sloop St John for One Hundred & Fifty Dollars to go to Halifax & back. This day the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment were Reviewed. They Really made A fine Appearance.



June 21. Tis said that Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard has dismissed G. Brattle from being Col. of his Regim<sup>t</sup>.

June 24. St John's Day. Very hot. Dined at the King's Arms on Boston Neck with the Free Masons. A very Elegant Dinner. Present (41 Brethren).

July 5. I waited on Commodore Hood to Visit the Schools in Boston & dined with the Select Men Overseers of the Poor, The Rev<sup>ds</sup> Dr. Byles, M<sup>r</sup> Mather, Dr. Elliot, M<sup>r</sup> Bowen, M<sup>r</sup> Walley M<sup>r</sup> Howard, The Commodore, Colo. Brattle M<sup>r</sup> James Otis, Eze<sup>l</sup> Golthwait, Maj<sup>r</sup> Cunningham Colo. Marshall, M<sup>r</sup> Nich. Boylston, Major Lovell M<sup>r</sup> James Lovell, Master Hunt, Master Proctor Master Holbrook, Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Prince, M<sup>r</sup> Ed<sup>w</sup> Carnes M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins Jr & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Ivers. A very Genteel Entertainment.

July 6. The Small Pox broke out in Several Families.

July 8. When I came home I found Cap<sup>t</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Lyndsay at Our Hous being arrivd on the Vipers Sloop of Warr from N<sup>o</sup> Carolina, his brother Cap<sup>t</sup> John Lyndsay (& others).

July 15. Last night M<sup>r</sup> John Temple & M<sup>r</sup> Flucker had a Quarrel attended with Blows in the town-house ob<sup>d</sup> the Dialogues.

July 16. The Governor Prorogued the General Court yesterday untill the 10 Jan next.

July 21. This afternoon M<sup>rs</sup> Rachel Willson, the Famous Quaker preacher, preached in Fanewill Hall to at Least Twelve hundred people. She seems to be a Woman of Good Understanding.

Spent the evening at home with M<sup>r</sup> John Lyndsay, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky.

July 24. Met the Merchant's Committee at the Coffee House, present — Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, John Hancock, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne & myself.

July 28. I went to M<sup>r</sup> Charles Harrison's Funerall.

July 31. Rainy weather. Lightning & thunder. Two vessels sunk at Hancock's wharf. In the evening I went to hear M<sup>r</sup> Douglass Lecture on heads. he Performed well.

Aug. 1. This forenoon Cap<sup>t</sup> Thompson in the Rippon, Man of War — for England & Gov<sup>r</sup> Barnard went home in him. The Flag hoisted on Liberty Tree — the Bells Ringing — Great Joy to the People. A Great Bonfire in King St & on Fort Hill.

Aug 2. I went with Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell, M<sup>r</sup> George, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky in Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell's Cutter up Cambridge River — wee landed near the Bridge & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's

Aug. 4. Dined at John Champney's on a Pigy with the following Company — John Hancock, James Otis, John Adams, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup>, Rob<sup>t</sup> Auchmooty, Sam. Swift, Francis Johnnot, Hugh M<sup>d</sup> Daniel W<sup>m</sup> Read, Henry Laughton, Benj Kent, Tuthill Hubbard, Henderson Inches, John Cutler Thom<sup>s</sup> Amory & Peter Johnnot We sunk the Box at my Wharf this noon and were very Lucky — I attended the Merchants Meeting this afternoon who gave me a pretty tight Lecture ab<sup>t</sup> the Importation

of some Porter on board Jarvis — I wish the Porter had not been Imported as tis like to make an Uneasiness Last evening died my Friend M<sup>r</sup> James Smith at Milton.

Aug. 6. This morning died my old Friend Cap<sup>t</sup> James Forbes

Aug. 7. In the afternoon attended the Funerall of M<sup>r</sup> James Smith

Aug. 8. I was a Bearer to my Old Friend Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes together with John Erving Sen<sup>r</sup>, James Murray Jonathan Simpson, John Erving Ju<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Inman The Freemasons walk'd in form & made a very handsome Appearance

Aug. 10. On Tuesday M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Coffin Sen<sup>r</sup>, myself & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe stood sponsors for M<sup>r</sup> Walter's Son William

Aug. 12. I dined on invitation from Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell of the Rose on Noddles Island

Aug. 14. The Sons of Liberty met at Liberty Tree & dined at Robinson's at Dorchester — they contained 139 Carriages on their Return M<sup>r</sup> Hancock preceeded the Company & M<sup>r</sup> Otis Brought up the Rear Spend part of the eve'ng at the Pofsee & was greatly surprised to find when I came home my Old Friend M<sup>r</sup> John Lane at Our house He came in the Nafsau very unexpected.

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. I paid a visit to M<sup>rs</sup> Walter & my Godson this afternoon

Sept. 5. I got up at two of Clock this morning to take a view of the Comet which hath made his Appearance from twelve until three in the morning

for five Nights preceeding — it appeared very Large & its Tail very Long In the eve'ng an Affray happened at the Coffeehouse between M<sup>r</sup> Robinson the Commissioner & James Otis Esq — it's said Otis is much bruised.

Sept. 6. I find the Inhabitants greatly alarmed at the Usage M<sup>r</sup> Otis met with — tis generally thought he was very Rascally treated — this afternoon the Sheriff took W<sup>m</sup> Brown Esq formerly of Salem for being accessory in Beating M<sup>r</sup> Otis — he was Carried to Fanewill Hall & examined before Justice Dana & Justice Pemberton & followed by a Great Number of People — I believe about Two Thousand — M<sup>r</sup> Murray was there & used Roughly by the People

Sept. 8. A very Great Storm — it looks like the Tail of a hurricane

Sept. 9. I rose early & found the Storm had done great damage among the Shipping, Wharfs & other parts of the Town.

Sept. 18. M<sup>r</sup> Hallowell launcht his Ship this Day

Sept. 25. This afternoon I attended the Funerall of Miss Sarah Calef & was a Bearer with Treasurer Gray Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, Benj<sup>n</sup> Fanewill Jun<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hews.

Sept. 26. In the afternoon I attended M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches wife's Funeral & was a Bearer together with Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing Esq<sup>r</sup>, Dr. Sprague, M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Smith M<sup>r</sup> Johnathan Mason & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell.

Sept. 28. Dined at his honor the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governor with him, his two Daughters, his two sons Thomas & Elisha, M<sup>r</sup> Harris a Gentleman from St Christopher's, M<sup>r</sup> — & M<sup>r</sup> Paxton two of the Commissioners, for the first time since their arrival I have been in their Company & which I did not know now.

Sept. 30. This day the Custom house officers made a large Seizure from Cap<sup>t</sup> John Homer who I take to be a very honest Good man & for which I am very sorry should happen at this time.

Oct. 3. This morning the Merchants met at Fanewill Hall to consider what measures should be taken about Cap<sup>t</sup> Bryants cargo.

Oct. 4. This day there was a Town Meeting & the Transactions are agreed to be published tomorrow.

Oct. 8. I did not go to Church this forenoon as I was oblig'd to attend Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson who sailed for London his Passengers M<sup>r</sup> Harrison, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Cap<sup>t</sup> Courance & Betty Murray.

Oct. 9. Spent the afternoon & evening at M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' with Rob<sup>t</sup> Goulds Creditors & M<sup>r</sup> J. Lane proposed to pay Rob<sup>t</sup> Goulds Cred<sup>ts</sup> after a Long debate 15 / in the Pound, payable in four years.

Oct. 10. Dined at home on the finest Haunch of Venison I ever saw. My worthy Friend Jos Winslow Esq<sup>r</sup> died yesterday

Oct. 14. M<sup>r</sup> Tol Brought me home a New Coat & Breeches.

Oct. 19. M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Loring married to Night by M<sup>r</sup> Walter to Miss Betty Lloyd.

Oct. 24. An affray happened at the So' Guards between M<sup>r</sup> Ness of the 14<sup>th</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Pierrepont which has made some Considerable Noise about Town.

Oct. 25. King's accession of the throne & the Tenth Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Oct. 26. The Vestry of Trinity Church met this day & settled all the Affairs of S<sup>d</sup> Church — M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe had the misfortune to sprain her ancle this day.

Oct. 28. M<sup>r</sup> M—— Publication that appeared to Day has Given Great uneasiness & this evening he was spoke to by Cap' Dashwood — Some people getting aroused he got into Ezek<sup>l</sup> Price's office & from thence fired a Pistol & wounded a Grenadier of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment in the Arm. Warrants were Issued out to secure him but he could not be found. In the evening a large Mob Assembled & got hold of one George Greyer an informer who they stript naked & painted him all over with Tar & then covered him with Feathers & put him in a Cart & carried him thro' all the main Streets of the Town huzzaring &c and at nine dismissed him — this matter occasioned much terror &c in some fearfull People among the Inhabitants — When this happened I was with the Pofsee.

Nov. 6. Monday — The People have behaved Well, being Pope Day.

Nov. 21. The Superior Court met today. Judge Lynde gave the charge to the Grand Jury.

Nov. 25. I sent Cato on board the Rose Man of War, this morning

Nov. 27. My Birth Day being fifty four years old. Snows this morning for the second time.

Dec. 6. Afternoon at the Funerall of the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Checkly & this evening at the Charitable Society.

Dec. 7. I attended the Funerall of my Friend Sam<sup>l</sup> Cary Esq<sup>r</sup> who was buried from his Brother Richards at Charlestown. I was a Bearer together with John Erving Sen<sup>r</sup> Esq John Avery Esq M<sup>r</sup> John Powell Cap<sup>t</sup> Henly of Charlestown & Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple Esq. Twas a handsome Funeral

Dec. 18. Spent the evening at the Coffee House with the Committee of Merch<sup>ts</sup> Present Thos Cushing, Isaae Smith Edwd Payne W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux, Henderson Inches W<sup>m</sup> Greenlief Samuel Dashwood W<sup>m</sup> Whitwell W<sup>m</sup> Phillips John Barrat & Jon<sup>n</sup> Mason

Dec. 19. Spent the afternoon at Colo Ingersolls with M<sup>r</sup> Blake & Savage ab<sup>o</sup> the Forge at Hardwick

Dec. 22. This morning M<sup>r</sup> John Dennie of Cambridge lost his house by Fire for which I am very sorry.

Dec. 27. St. John's Day. Dind at Colo Ingersolls with the Brotherhood.



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Jan'y 1. This afternoon the Committee of Merchants came to waite on me about M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Sheaffe's affair. Deacon Phillips, W<sup>m</sup> Dennie, W<sup>m</sup> Greenleaf W<sup>m</sup> Mollineaux & John Ruddock Esq. This day we distributed the Poor's money—

Jan'y 4. Spent the eve'ng at M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould's to see the Celebration of the Marriage between M<sup>r</sup> John Baker Brimmer & Miss Betty Gould.

Jan'y 9. Dined at home with His Honor the Lieut. Govern<sup>r</sup> his Brother Foster Hutchinson Esq, Colo. Dalrymple Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell, M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup> Boylston, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>r</sup> John Lane & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

Jan'y 17. Spent the afternoon at the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Meeting at Fanewill Hall & part of the eve'ng at the Coffee House This Day the Body of Merchants visited M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson

Jan'y 18. The Merchants met again this day & the whole Body as they are called visited the sons of his Honor M<sup>r</sup> Theophilus Lillie, M<sup>r</sup> John Taylor, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Jackson again & M<sup>r</sup> Nath. Rogers. they adjourned until tomorrow, Ten of Clock.

Jan'y 19. The harbour froze in. The Merchants met again to Day. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hutchinsons agreed to deliver up

Jan'y 23. The Trade met again today at Fanewill Hall which highly displeased the Lieut. Governour who sent the Sheriff & ordered them to disperse which they took no notice of. Colo. Dalrymple, I believe, ordered his Regiment to keep



MRS. JOHN LINZEE  
("Sucky" Inman)



under Arms all night — the Body voted said Colo. Dalrymple should be cashiered.

Jan'y 25. The Harbour full of ice. I took a Ride over the Neck in the Sleigh.

Jan'y 29. I went to Cambridge & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Innans. M<sup>r</sup> J. Lane Read us the Diverting Farce, the Mayor of Garrets.

Feb'y 9. Spent the evening at Colo John Ingersolls on Arbitration between Hugh Tarbut & Benj Caldwell.

Feb'y 21. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe to please Sucky made a Dance & entertainment which was a Genteel One.

Feb. 24. Snow & Hail. Smart Thunder & Lightning ab<sup>o</sup> Ten of Clock, very uncommon at this season.

Feb. 26. This afternoon the Boy that was killed by Richardson was buried. I am very sure two thousand people attended his Funerall.

Mar. 2. Spent the afternoon on a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches & Lady, where we found M<sup>r</sup> Harrison of London M<sup>r</sup> Jsaac Smith M<sup>r</sup> Ed Payne M<sup>r</sup> John Timmins M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky, M<sup>rs</sup> George Brinley M<sup>rs</sup> Louder Miss Betty Inches & two or three young Ladies whom I didn't know.

Mar. 3. A Quarrel between some of the 29<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> & the Ropemakers — yesterday & today.

Mar. 5. This night the 29<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> on Duty. A Quarrel between the soldiers & Inhabitants. The Bells Rung A Great Number Assembled in King Street. A Party of the 29<sup>th</sup> under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston fired on the People — they

killed five — wounded several others, particularly Mr Ed<sup>w</sup> Payne in his Right Arm. Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston bears a good Character — he was taken in the night & Committed also seven more of the 29<sup>th</sup> — the inhabitants are greatly enraged & not without Reason.

Mar. 6. Most all the Town in Uproar & Confusion. The Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council met. The Cryer went about to warn a Town Meeting at Eleven of Clock. The Inhabitants met at Fanewill Hall, they chose a Respectable Committee to wait on his Honor the Lieut. Governour to desire the Troops might be removed from the Town — Upon which he Consulted Colo. Dalrymple & Colo. Kerr — the Lieut. Governour Returned for answer that the 29<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> should go to the Castle & the 14<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> Remain in Town. Afternoon the Inhabitants met at the Old South Meeting House & after some Debate they unanimously Voted not to accept the Lieut Governour's Proposals but Chose another Committee of Seven to wait on him again & Insist on all the Troops Being Removed from the Town & without this is Complied with it would not be Satisfactory to the Inhabitants. The Committee went & Returned that His Honor would Order both Regiments to the Castle & Colo. Dalrymple consented to it — this gave Great Joy to the Inhabitants & I believe a General Satisfaction — so that they went from the Meeting very Peaceably to their Habitations.

Mar. 7. A Military Watch tonight.

Mar. 8. I attended the Funeral of the four Unhappy People that were killed on Monday last. Such a Concourse of People I never saw before — I believe Ten or Twelve thousand. One Corps with their Relations followed the other & then the Select Men & Inhabitants. A Military Watch again tonight.

Mar. 9. I went & paid a visit to Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston in Goal who I found in much better spirits than I expected. Military watch.

Mar. 10. Yesterday two Companies of the 29<sup>th</sup> went to the Castle & four companies more went this day. Still a Military watch.

Mar. 15. This morning I settled a Long Dispute between Colo. Jones & M<sup>r</sup> Millins. Spent the afternoon with the Town Committee, myself Chairman John Ruddock Esq, Isaac Smith, W<sup>m</sup> Dennie & M<sup>r</sup> Timothy Fitch.

Mar. 16. M<sup>r</sup> Otis got into a mad Freak to night & broke a great many windows in the Town House. All the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment are gone to the Castle the Last of them this day. Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Miller both sailed for London this forenoon, in Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson, M<sup>r</sup> Robinson one of the Board of Commissioners went Passenger

Mar. 17. This afternoon another of the unhappy Sufferers was Buried from Fanewill Hall — The General Court sitting at Cambridge which will be the Cause of a Quarrel between the Lieut<sup>t</sup> Governour & the House of Representatives.

Mar. 18. I was glad to find the Colo. Dal-

rymple was pleased with the answers to his Letters by Return of the Express.

Mar. 19. Town meeting again today. The Town voted a vessel to be hired to carry home dispatches & Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood offered himself a Candidate to Carry them.

Mar 21. This Day M<sup>r</sup> Lock was installed President of Cambridge The Superior Court met according to Adjournment

Mar. 23. In the evening I went to the Concert Hall to hear M<sup>r</sup> Joan read the Beggars Opera & sing the Songs. He read but indifferently but Sung in Taste. there were upwards one hundred people there.

Mar. 28. My Goddaughter Miss Bella Sheaff dyed.

April 2. I attended the Funeral of my old Acquaintance Brother Hugh M<sup>d</sup>aniel & was one of his Bearers The Brotherhood walked in Procession before the Corps & made a handsome Appearance.

April 9. Dined on Boston Neck at Bracketts with Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwait, Jos. Golthwait, Solo. Davis, Cap<sup>t</sup> Fenton, James Perkins, Joshua Winslow & M<sup>r</sup> Inman. Part of our Dinner was Buffalo Stakes which was very Tender. Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich & John Allen Esq paid us a visit this afternoon.

April 16. In the forenoon I attended Trinity Church Affairs as usual.

April 17. Our Hannah dyed this day.

April 18. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock was Chosen Speaker of



the House pro Tempore & negatived by the Lieut Governour Colo. Warren was Chose in his Room & approved.

April 19. I attended the Funerall of Hannah this afternoon.

April 20. I attended the meeting of the Trade as it is Called — they passed a Vote I did not like. The Infamous Richardson on Tryal today.

April 21. Richardson was found Guilty by the Jury. I attended the Merchants Meeting this forenoon.

April 22. This afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Otis behaved very madly, firing Guns out of his Window that Caused a Large Number of People to assemble about him.

April 24. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot Brings an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Repeal of the Duties on Glass, Oyl Paper & painters Colours but the Duty on Tea still Remains. Tis said our Lieut Governour is made Governour — he negatived Cushing as Commissary Generall

April 25. Merchants Meeting. I attended. I was to my Great Mortification chose a Committeeman. Meeting adj'd.

April 26. Attended Merchants Meeting. I did not approve much of their Proceedings — think them too severe.

April 28. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter's Child was buried this afternoon M<sup>r</sup> George Erving's wife died last evening.

May 8. This day the Town of Boston Chose Representatives

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Boudoin Esq. 439

“ “ John Hancock “ 511

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing “ 510

Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams “ 510

number of votes 513.

May 9. This Day M<sup>r</sup> Adams of Roxbury preached the Duddleian Lecture — M<sup>r</sup> Bleners went to Woodstock this morning on business for me.

May 10. Spent the evening at the Coffee House with the Proprietors of Point Shirley, John Hancock Esq., J<sup>m</sup> Baker, Nat. Holmes, Ezech<sup>l</sup> Golthwait & Tho<sup>s</sup> Golthwait.

May 11. Dined at home with Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich, M<sup>r</sup> Pashaw, a Gentleman in the Navy a Rushian M<sup>r</sup> John Lane, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> R. & Sucky — Spent the evening at the Coffee House with the Proprietors of Point Shirley, James Pitt Esq, John Hancock, John Baker, Ezekl Golthwait, Tho<sup>s</sup> Golthwait, Nat. Holmes, Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard & Charles Sigourney — agreed to go to the Point next Fryday.

May 17. This morning the 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment Marched from the Castle to Providence.

May 18. Just as I was going to bed there was a very great Hallooing in the street & a mob of upwards a thousand people — it seems they had got an informer & put him in a Cart, covered with Tar & Feathers & so exhibited him thro' the Streets.

May 19. This morning James swept our Chimneys.

May 23. Sandwich — Wee rose early & set out for Mashby an Indian Town — Wee took a Guide,

one M<sup>r</sup> Fowler — wee reached Jos. Ashers, a Native. Wee fished there, found it a wild place — Wee had Good Sport — from thence wee went to M<sup>r</sup> Crocker's the Tavern — wee dined there & wee were joynd by Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo. Davis, M<sup>r</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Brattle & the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Hawley, the Indian Minister who I take to be a Clever man — there were two young Ladies Daughters of M<sup>r</sup> Crocker, Miss Betty & Miss Sally — very Clever & Genteel — from this we Returned to Sandwich — we spent the evening & supped at M<sup>r</sup> Fessenden's — We slept at M<sup>r</sup> Newcombs — very Good Beds — We passed by the most Beautiful Pond, named Wakely.

May 24. Wee Rose early & set out for Plymouth — Stopt at Ellis & from thence got to the monument where we stopt at Isaac Jeffreys, an Indian & a preacher to the Indians — his Squaw had a neat Wigwam — I slept an hour there. We dined there after dinner I went down to the River & Caught Ten Trout — The Largest I ever saw several of them eighteen Inches in Length. From thence we returned to Plymouth & spent the evening at Edward Winslows.

May 29. King's Restoration — This afternoon an Ox was carried thro' the streets in Triumph to be exhibited tomorrow.

May 30. Election kept at Cambridge. This day an Ox was Roasted whole on the Common — a Great many People attended & a Large Company dined at Fanewil Hall.

May 31. Convention of the Ministers today — Dr. Cooper preached at Dr Sewall's Meeting House.

June 4. Artillery Election — dined at Fanewill Hall with the Lieut Governour, his Majesty's Council & the Gentlemen Officers of the Artillery & a Great Number of other Gentlemen — Afternoon I went to M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's & saw the Ceremony of Investing the New Officers of the Artillery — Cap<sup>t</sup> Heath of Roxbury, Cap<sup>t</sup> Martin, Gay Lieut. & Jonas Clark ensign — the Company made a pretty appearance & exercised well — Spent part of the evening with the House of Representatives at the Province House in Drinking his Majesty's Health — A Great many Gentlemen attended this Publick mark of Loyalty to his Majesty & Family.

June 6. Town meeting. M<sup>r</sup> John Adams was Chose a Member for the Town.

June 14. In the afternoon I pd The Lieut Governor a visit at his seat at Milton.

July 9. Yesterday was discovered the Black Caterpillar which devours everything before it — they march from the North East direct S<sup>W</sup> West.

July 10. Dry weather — The caterpillars increase.

July 18. This was the first Day the new President made his appearance in Publick.

July 22. Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith of the Nassau arrived from London & gives an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Prorogation of the Parliament the 20<sup>th</sup> of May without Repealing the Duty on Tea — the people I hope will have Virtue enough never to make use of it as Long as the Duty is demanded.

July 24. This afternoon "The Body" as they

are called met & just before some of them Proceeded through the streets with Dr Young at their head with Three Flags Flying, Drums Beating & a french Horn — Tho<sup>s</sup> Baker carried one of them for which he is much Blamed by me — The meeting today will I believe prove very Predjudicial to the Merchants & Trade of the Town of Boston.

July 26. The Gov<sup>r</sup> offered me the Colonial Commission —

Aug 4. I & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe paid a visit to Colin Campbell Esq & Lady

Aug 14. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield came to Town this day — A Large Party of the Sons of Liberty dined this day at the House of Tho<sup>s</sup> Carnes at Dorchester.

Aug. 16. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at the Old North yesterday first Time — after dinner I went to Dr Sewall's meeting house & heard M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preach from the 9<sup>th</sup> Chap. of Zachariah & 12 Verse "Turn Ye to the Strong Hold Ye Prisoners, of Hope I liked his Discourse.

Aug. 17. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield Preached at (New North) Dr Elliots this morning.

Aug 18. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached this morning at M<sup>r</sup> Pemberton's.

Aug 20. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at New North, Dr Elliots.

Aug 21. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached this morning at Dr Sewalls.

Aug 22. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached again this morning at Dr Sewall's.

Aug 23. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at New North.

Aug 24. In the forenoon I went to Old Dr Sewell's meeting & heard M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preach from 22<sup>d</sup> Chap. St Matthews & 11. 12 & 13 Verses — this was in my opinion a Clever Discourse.

Aug 26. I have been married twenty seven year yesterday.

Aug 28. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached yesterday at Cambridge, this day at Charlestown.

Aug 29. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at Old South.

Aug 30. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at New North.

Aug. 31. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at Jamaica Plain.

Sept 1. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at Milton this day.

Sept 2. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at Roxbury this day

Sept 3. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield preached at Old South

Sept 4. M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield set out for Portsmouth — I shou'd have gone to Point Shirley with the proprietors but was very Busy.

Sept 5. I attended the Merch<sup>s</sup> Meeting at Fanewill Hall I attended the Funerall of M<sup>r</sup> Fitch Pool yesterday in the afternoon.

Sept 10. This day the Council set & the Lieut Governour delivered up the Castle unto Colo Dalrymple by express order from his Majesty in Council. I spent the evening at the Coffee House with the Merchants — Present 24.

Sept 11. I spent the forenoon at the Coffee House with the Merchants, present 93

Sept 12. I spent the evening with the Merchants at the Coffee House, present 74.

Sept 13. Spent the afternoon at Fanewill Hall with the Body as they are called — Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arrivd from London 7 weeks passage

Sept 14. I attended the Merchants Meeting this forenoon. Present 51. I spent the afternoon at Fanewill Hall with the Body as they are called.

Sept 15. This forenoon I attended the Merchants Meeting at M<sup>r</sup> Cordis there were present 64 I also attended the Body at Fanewill Hall & they came to a Conclusion to Forward a Letter to the Trade at Philadelphia.

Sept 19. Young Thatcher was ordained this day.

Sept 24. After Dinner I attended the Proprietors of Long Wharf.

Sept 25. M<sup>r</sup> Inman set out for Newport with Sucky & Katy Wendall. Spent the evening at the Pofsee all present except J. Richardson who buried his Mother this afternoon.

Sept 28. Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich arrivd this day from Hallifax. The Viper Cap<sup>t</sup> Porter Returnd from a Cruise The St John Cap<sup>t</sup> Murray from Hallifax The Bristol Packet Cap<sup>t</sup> Skinner from St Jubes Cap<sup>t</sup> Fellows from London.

Sept 30. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Whitfield died suddenly this morning at Newberry, much Lamented. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hussey arrivd from the Streights.

Oct 3. This Day Council & house are to have a fast at Cambridge. M<sup>r</sup> Appleton & M<sup>r</sup> Cook are to preach.



Oct 4. I attended the Funerall of Coll<sup>n</sup> Jarvis.

Oct 5. Afternoon I went with M<sup>r</sup> John Cutler & viewed the Organ (of Trinity) & gave him the key of the Organ

Oct 6. M<sup>r</sup> Inman came home from Newport to-day & brought Sally Winslow & Sucky

Oct 9. I went on Board the Rose with Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell from thence to the Cafsell & from thence on board the Romney & dined with Comm<sup>n</sup> Hood his Lady, his Son, Major Butler of the 60<sup>h</sup>, Major Powell of the 38<sup>h</sup>, Dr Pertersby, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas & M<sup>r</sup> West. I returned & spent the evening with the Committee of Merchants at the Coffee House, Henderson Inches J<sup>m</sup> Amory Ed<sup>w</sup> Payne, Isaac Smith & myself. Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee arrivd in the Beaver from Hallifax.

Oct. 10. This morning arrivd Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis from London & Comm<sup>n</sup> Gambier from England & Madeira in the Salisbury. I spent the afternoon with the Merchants at the Coffee House.

Oct. 11. Spent the evening at the Coffee House on an Arbitration between Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker & M<sup>r</sup> Clark of Milton, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips Jos Barrett & myself Referees.

Oct. 12. I paid Comm<sup>n</sup> Gambier a visit this morning & dind at home with Comm<sup>n</sup> Hood & Lady, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jno Linzee M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky & Sally Inman & Cap<sup>t</sup> Bellew. Attended the Merch<sup>ts</sup> Meeting Present 72.

Oct. 13. The Salisbury Man of War came up to the Wharff this Day.

Oct. 14. The Boston Man of Warr Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker came up.

Oct. 15. The Rose & Senegall came up the Harbour.

Oct. 16. I dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Lynzee, M<sup>r</sup> Gregory Townsend M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Sucky & Sally Inman & Antony Letchmere & spent the evening at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Lynzee etc. The Gibraltar Man of Warr Cap<sup>t</sup> Bond arrivd from England

Oct. 18. Spent the evening at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, Sucky and Sally Inman.

Oct. 19. I dined at home with the following Company Cap<sup>t</sup> Barclay of the Salisbury, Capt Hide Parker of the Boston, Cap<sup>t</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Caldwell of the Rose, Capt Bond of the Gibraltar, Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich of the Senegall, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Lynzee of the Beaver, Colo. Dalrymple & Cap<sup>t</sup> Mason of the 14<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky Inman — Spent the afternoon & evening at home with the same company

Oct. 20. The Highest Tide I ever saw — it has done great Damages to the Wharffs, Storehouses & vast Quantities of Lumber Wood &c a Drift — Quantities of Salt washed out. Several People have lost Sugars — Several vessels drove ashore from their Anchors. Even Storehouses set adrift After noon I paid a visit & found my Wharff & stores had escaped better than I expected.

Oct. 21. Afternoon I went to King's Chapel — M<sup>r</sup>. Troutbeck had his Daughter Christened. I

stood Godfather M<sup>rs</sup> Gould & M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers Godmothers — the Child's name Elizabeth.<sup>1</sup>

Oct. 23. The Judges of the Superior Court met today and ordered the Trials of Capt Preston tomorrow.

Oct. 25. The King's Ascension to the Throne. The whole Fleet the Castle & Batterys fired on this Occasion, the Comm<sup>o</sup> first, then every Cap<sup>t</sup> according to Seniority — Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston still on Trial

Oct. 29. Cap<sup>t</sup> Preston Still on Tryall. The Judges gave their Opinion in his favor. The Jurys verdict not Guilty.

Nov. 18. Great Talk of a Spanish War & of Report of the Plague being Broke out in the Island of Hispaniola.

Nov. 20. A Ship & a Schooner arrivd from Hispaniola were ordered to perform Quarantine.

Dec. 5. This Day The Tryall of the Soldiers ended (after five days trial in the Superior Court) Six of them were acquitted & two were found Guilty of Manslaughter.

Dec. 9. M<sup>r</sup>.Properts pay commences as Organist from this day at £40 Sterl<sup>r</sup> pr Annum.

Dec. 12. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee Brought the Beaver into my Dock & graved her, the Commodore being well pleased.

Dec. 14. The Beaver got Docked & well out this evening.

<sup>1</sup> A miniature of this Elizabeth Trontbeck, afterwards Mrs. Bows, is in the possession of Mr. Rowe's great-grand-niece.

Dec. 25. Christmas Day — I dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee M<sup>r</sup> John Lane, Dr Miller Joseph Golthwait M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, Miss Lucy Flucker<sup>1</sup> & Sucky Inman — The same Company staid & spent the afternoon & evening & wee were very Cheerfull.

Dec. 26. Spent the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Lewis Deblois with him & his new wife & a very Large Company too many to enumerate — a very Genteel Entertainment.

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Jan. 3. Spent the evening at Concert Hall where there was a Concert performed by Hartley, Morgan & others — after the Concert a Dance the Commodore & all the Captains of the Navy here, were there & Colo Dalrymple & fifty or sixty Gentlemen & the same number of Ladies Present —

Jan. 4. Spent the evening at the Concert Room at an Afsembly. A very Large & respectable afsembly it was.

Jan. 18. The Queens Birth Day, fine weather, Guns firing Jovial Day — Spent the Evening at Concert Hall with a very Grand Assembly, Governour, Lieut. Gov<sup>r</sup> Commodore, Colonel, Captains of the Navy & Army, Commissioners, all the Best People in town — A General Coalition so that Harmony Peace & Friendship will once more be

<sup>1</sup> Miss Lucy Flucker was afterwards the wife of General Knox.

Established in Boston — Very Good Dancing & Good Musick but very Bad Wine & Punch.

Jan. 29. Spent an hour with M<sup>r</sup> James Otis who I found in a gloomy way

March 4. My worthy Friend Nat Bethune died this morning, also M<sup>rs</sup> Inches.<sup>1</sup>

March 6. I attended the Funerall of M<sup>rs</sup> Sarah Inches & was a Bearer with Isaac Smith, Sam Austin Tho<sup>s</sup> Rufsell Jona. Mason & Eben<sup>r</sup> Storer.

Mar. 7. I attended the Funerall of my worthy Friend Nat. Bethune & was a Bearer with James Boutineau Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker Jos. Green Nich<sup>l</sup> Boylston & Solomon Davis

Mar. 8. Arrivd from London Our Ship Boscawen Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson & the Marquis of Rockingham, Cap<sup>t</sup> Whitwood both from London

Mar. 9. The Chaplain M<sup>r</sup> Mofsely of the Salisbury was taken in an Apoplectick fit yesterday which hindered him coming to our house.

Mar. 11. Blustering weather Snow & sleet. Town meeting for the Choice of Officers — I attended on Purpose to oblige my Friend Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait Esq<sup>r</sup>

Mar. 14. The Govern<sup>r</sup> Commission Read today also the Lient. Govern<sup>rs</sup> the Company that waited on the Govern<sup>r</sup> were Gentlemen of Reputation & the Best Fortunes — I spent the evening at the Assembly which was very Brilliant

<sup>1</sup> From the opening of the Diary Mr. Rowe had passed every Sunday evening, almost without exception, at Mr. Nat. Bethune's.

March 15. Afternoon the Merchants met at the British Coffee House to prepare an Address to the Governour — Present Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark, Jos. Green, myself, John Erving Geo. Erving, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, Henderson Inches, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne Melabiah Bourne, Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard, Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goltwait John Dennie, John Amory & Solomon Davis — & spent the evening there with most of the same Company — when I came home I found M<sup>r</sup> J. Lane & M<sup>r</sup> Propert who supped & diverted us all the evening by playing on Sucky's Spinnet & Joyned by M<sup>r</sup> J. Lane in singing — Propert is a fine hand.

Mar. 18. The Merchants waited on his Excellency, The Govern<sup>r</sup> with their Address — Present 106.

Mar. 19. I Launched my Brigg Sucky at Walker's this day.

Mar. 28. This Day The French Boy & a Charcoal Fellow stood in the Pillory. The French Boy was to have been whipt but the Populous hindered the Sheriff doing his duty.

Mar. 30. A Brigg.<sup>a</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Hosey arrived this day from Liverpool in 51 days brings an acc<sup>t</sup> that matters were accommodated between the Contending Powers. I had a letter from Quebeck that tells me of an Horrid Assasination on my Brother.

Mar. 31. The News I Receivd ab<sup>o</sup> My Brother prevented my Going out this Day

April 1. I attended the Wardens & Vestry of Trinity Church this morning Afternoon the Funerall of General Shirley.

April 2. Easter Tuesday. I dined with the members of the Charitable Society at Colo. Ingersolls in King Street. Present Myself, Ralph Inman, J<sup>no</sup> Apthorp, Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson, Commo. Gambier, M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>no</sup> Lane, Rufus Greene, Nat Greene, J<sup>no</sup> Greene, Benj<sup>n</sup> Greene Joseph Greene, Dan Hubbard, Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins, J<sup>no</sup> Box John Box Jr, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin, John Haskins, J<sup>no</sup> Cutler Gilb<sup>t</sup> Deblois, Rich<sup>d</sup> Green, Stephen Greenleaf & the ministers — Dr Byles, M<sup>r</sup> Winslow, M<sup>r</sup> Walter M<sup>r</sup> Fogg & M<sup>r</sup> Mosely.

April 3. This day the Gen<sup>l</sup> Court meets at Cambridge. The Governour was met by the Gentlemen of Cambridge & escorted to the College where there was an Oration spoke in Latin by one of the students.

April 7. After Church the Vestry met ab<sup>n</sup> Dr Byles affairs. Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arrivd from London & brought the news of M<sup>rs</sup> Eustis Death — who is greatly Lamented Capt Airy arrivd from a Whaling Voyage has bad Luck

April 9. This Forenoon Our Vestry met at Our house ab<sup>n</sup> Dr Byles affairs.

April 10. Afternoon I attended the Creditors of M<sup>r</sup> Caleb Loring at the Coffee House. I dind & suppd on Salmon for the first time.

April 16. The Wid<sup>o</sup> Green M<sup>r</sup> Townsend M<sup>rs</sup> Townsend M<sup>rs</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Green junr M<sup>rs</sup> Rogers Miss Betty Gould & the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter spent the afternoon with us.

April 18. The Boscawen Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson saild for Hallifax this morning & Cap<sup>t</sup> Whitwood sailed for



Barbadoes in him M<sup>r</sup> Sober & M<sup>rs</sup> Sober went Passengers.

April 19. Cap<sup>t</sup> Stratsburg paid us a visit this afternoon & is a Chearfull Old Gentleman.

April 25. (Plymouth) Set out for the Manomet Ponds Wee Reachd Isaac Jeffrys the Indian Parsons Wigwam wee were joynd by Pelham & Edw<sup>d</sup> Winslow junr<sup>r</sup> wee were disappointed in our Diversions, the water been very high & the Ponds not drawn off — wee stayd the Day & had but poo Luck.

April 29. I dind on board the Salisbury Man of Warr with the Gentlemen of the Wardrobe.

April 30. I attended M<sup>rs</sup> Taylor's Funerall & met the Proprietors of Long Wharff at the Coffee House

May 3. Spent the Evening at the Afsembly a very Grand one Sixty-eight Ladies & forty-five Gentlemen

May 6. The Boston Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker, the Mermaid Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith, the Rose Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell, the Senegal Cap<sup>t</sup> Thompson & all the Transports arrivd from Hallifax with the 64<sup>h</sup> & 65<sup>h</sup> Regiments in this Harbour.

May 7. I attended Town Meeting for the Choice of Representatives — M<sup>r</sup> Otis, M<sup>r</sup> Cushing, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams & M<sup>r</sup> Hancock were Chose by a Great Majority.

May 9. I Rose very early this morning & found Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall arrived from London — Andrew Brimmer, Tho<sup>s</sup> Palfrey, M<sup>r</sup> Grey came Passengers — they

Bring an acc<sup>t</sup> of the Lord Mayor & Alderman Oliver being Put in the Tower —

May 16. Afternoon I went over to Dorchester with M<sup>r</sup> Brattle to a new place he has hird & I think a very agreeable Rural Spot.

May 19. Cap<sup>t</sup> Barthlet arrivd in the St John from James River Virginia Royall Tyler Died — M<sup>r</sup> Price the Picture man died on Fryday

May 21. I attended the Funerall of Old M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Price — he was buried under Trinity Church.

May 22. I attended the Funerall of Royall Tyler Esq<sup>r</sup> — his bearers were John Erving Esq<sup>r</sup> Generall Brattle, James Rufsell Esq<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Dexter Esq<sup>r</sup> John Barrat & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Whitwell.

May 26. Sunday — There was a Collection for M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper the sum was £29.7.9 Lawfull money.

May 27. Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee arrivd in the Beaver from Antigua & paid us a Visit.

June 4. King's Birthday — The Governour made a Dinner for the King's Officers at the Coffee house — Spent the evening at Concert Hall at Comm<sup>r</sup> Gambier's Ball which was very Brilliant — A Great Company & very Good — too many to enumerate —

June 10. I went to Needham with Greg Townsend, James Perkins Cap<sup>t</sup> Fenton & Harry. Wee Stopt & dind at Coolidges Watertown who keeps a Clean House from thence to Bullard's wee suppld, spent the evening & slept there.

June 11. Wee fishd again no Great Sport — Wee din'd at Bullard's from thence came home to

Boston, was Caught in a very hard Shower of Rain much Lighting & Thunder. Wet to Skin. I was called up by Major Fleming on a Particular Affair between Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Lieut Sharp Marine officer of the Salisbury

June 12. They began to mow my Pasture yesterday.

June 16. There were three seizures made, some Tea at Plymouth, A schooner from St Peters with Brandy, Wine &c — another Schooner that short entered her Cargoe of Molasses belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Forster of Cape Anne. These affairs give great Uneasiness & tis believed will Raise the Minds of the People. The mowers made an end of mowing my Pasture yesterday.

June 17. Another Sloop was Seized this Day from St Peters by Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker of the Boston Man of War.

June 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown saild for Oporto in my New Briggatine Sucky this morning.

June 21. I dind at Cambridge at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's with him Govern<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson Commo Gambier M<sup>rs</sup> Gambier M<sup>rs</sup> James Gambier Colo Phipps M<sup>rs</sup> Phipps, Major Vafsall M<sup>rs</sup> Vafsall Colo. Oliver M<sup>rs</sup> Oliver M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe George & Sucky Inman & Sally Gould. Spent the evening at home with Capt John Linzee (& others) My Coachman was thrown from his horse & hurt himself.

June 25. I dind at M<sup>r</sup> Brackets with the Free Masons at the Celebration of St John — present 32.

July 5. After Dinner I took a Ride over to

Dorchester with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. The Generall Court Prorogued this day.

July 12. After Dinner I paid a visit to M<sup>rs</sup> Smith who Came to Town last Night & came Passenger in the Mast Ship two of her nieces came with her — afterwards I took a Ride to Dorchester with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee — Wee went to Savine Hill — wee met Miss Atherton a Smart, Clever Girl.

July 16. I dind at Brackets in School St with M<sup>r</sup> Williams of Maryland M<sup>r</sup> Glover of Leeds Yorkshire Henry Loyd, Bishop Barrett Tho<sup>s</sup> Amory John Amory Jonathan Amory M<sup>r</sup> Inman, Nat. Coffin & Will<sup>m</sup> Coffin junr. The Beaver Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee saild this day.

July 17. Commencement Day — I rose very early & wrote until I could not write any more for the Pain of my head. I went to Cambridge & dined with M<sup>r</sup> Inman — after Dinner I went to Colo. Murrays Room in the New College where there was a Large Company, the Govern<sup>r</sup> Council & too many to enumerate — I staid till six.

July 22. I waited on M<sup>r</sup> John Lane who sailed for London in the Ship Boscawen Cap<sup>t</sup> Robson, also M<sup>r</sup> Mills of Newhaven. I dind at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Fenton M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Smith M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, George & Sucky Inman & Anthony Lechmere — after Dinner M<sup>r</sup> Inman Introduced his Design to M<sup>rs</sup> Smith.

July 24. Last night the mob Routed the Whores at the House of Joseph Henderson at Olivers Dock.

July 25. Attended the Tryall between James Otis & M<sup>r</sup> Robinson

July 26. The Tryall of M<sup>r</sup> Otis against M<sup>r</sup> Robinson. finished the Jury found £2000 Ster<sup>s</sup> damages in favor of the Plaintiff.

July 27. I spent the evening at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee who is just come in, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky.

July 30. I went this morning about some Particular Buusiness with M<sup>r</sup> Shrimp<sup>t</sup> Hutchinson & paid a visit to my Friend Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who I found very Ill.

Aug. 6. In the afternoon I went on board the Commodore's Ship the Salisbury by Invitation from him with the following Company (then follow 61 names) Wee all spent the evening had a fine entertainment & the Genteelest supper I ever saw.

Aug. 9. The Tamar Man of Warr Cap<sup>t</sup> Charles Hay arrivd from England he came out in Company with the Captain, Adm<sup>l</sup> John Montague, the Lively & Swan Men of Warr

Aug. 12. Admirall Montague in the Captain & Cap<sup>t</sup> Talbot in the Lively arrivd from England — I dind on board the Beaver with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee, Cap<sup>t</sup> Caldwell, Colo. Dalrymple, Cap<sup>t</sup> Barekly, Cap<sup>t</sup> Blair & M<sup>r</sup> Holwell. The Commodore & all his Captains went on board the Admirall to pay their Compliments

Aug. 13. I went on board the Captain Man of Warr to pay a visit to Admiral Montague who Received me very Politely.

Aug. 14. Cap<sup>t</sup> Skinner arrivd from Lisbon having 8 weeks pafsage.

Aug. 15. The Beaver Man of War, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee sailed this day to find out Cashier's Ledge.

Aug. 16. Afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe paid a visit to M<sup>rs</sup> Smith over to Golthwait's. M<sup>r</sup> Inman came home well pleased & agreed on his Plan of Matrimony —

Aug. 17. I am very Busy in Sending Provisions off to the Ships.

Aug. 19. I was taken very Ill in the Night. I sent to Dr. Perkins who advisd me to stay at home. I did all Day.

Aug. 24. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis arrived from London & the Canso arm'd Ship in the Service of the Government under the Direction of Sam<sup>l</sup> Holland Esq<sup>r</sup> fr Plym<sup>o</sup> in England

Aug 25. M<sup>r</sup> Burnet a Midshipman of the Beaver Brings an acc<sup>t</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Linzees finding Cashier's Ledge.

Aug 27. I had a Considerable Conversation with M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson the Admiralls secretary. The Beaver, Capt John Linzee Returned from a cruise.

Sept. 1. My Brother in Law M<sup>r</sup> Inman was Published this morning to M<sup>rs</sup> Smith at the King's Chapell.

Sept 3. Young M<sup>r</sup> Gore died very suddenly this day.

Sept 4. I dined on board the Beaver, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee. The Beaver people made a Seizure for wh. I am sorry.

Sep<sup>t</sup> 5 My Whale Sloop Polly, Cap<sup>t</sup> Airy arrived this day with 150 Barrells.



RALPH INMAN, Esq.





Sept 22. The Kings Accession to the Throne.

Sept 26. About eleven my Brother in Law Ralph Inman was married at the Seat of M<sup>r</sup> Ezek<sup>l</sup> Golthwait to M<sup>rs</sup> Smith. the Ceremony was Performed by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Caner. after marriage we all went except Dr Caner to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's. We dined there & were Joynd by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Serjeant, M<sup>r</sup> John Inman & M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hooper. The Company was very Chearfull. I spent the evening there with M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, George Sucky & Sally Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sally Gould. We slept there.

Sept 27. Came to Boston, Returned to Cambridge with Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & dined at M<sup>r</sup> Inmans with him & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman etc.

Sept 29. I did not go to Church this morning being engaged with M<sup>r</sup> Mich<sup>l</sup> Everet who is just going to sea in the Viper.

Oct 14. The Beaver Man of War Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee sailed on a Cruise this day

Oct. 20. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bryant arrived from London in whom my Kinsman M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Rowe of Exeter came passenger.

Oct 23. I went to Cambridge with Cousin Jacob Rowe & din'd at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's.

Nov. 1. I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches'. After Dinner we went over to Brackets & see a Yorkshire man stand upon a horse's Back & Gallop him full Speed, afterwards upon two Horses & after that on Three, he endeavoured to make all them gallop as fast as he could. then he mounted a single Horse & Run him full speed & while Running he Jumped off & on three severall times.

Nov. 2. The Hope, Schooner arrived with her seizure.

Nov 7. After dinner I was called upon to go to the Coffee house to see Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich who was under arrest at the Suit of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cookson for a protested bill.

Nov 16. The Printers of the Massachusetts Spy was sent for by the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Councill this day. they ordered the King's Attorney to Prosecute them. Our Henry Smith left us yesterday.

Nov 25. We took in our wood: 20 cord of M<sup>r</sup> Hatch.

Nov 27. This Day I am fifty six years of age.

Nov 29. Yesterday morning died very suddenly my old Friend W<sup>m</sup> Sheaffe. The Commissioners have appointed William Waterhouse in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Sheaffe.

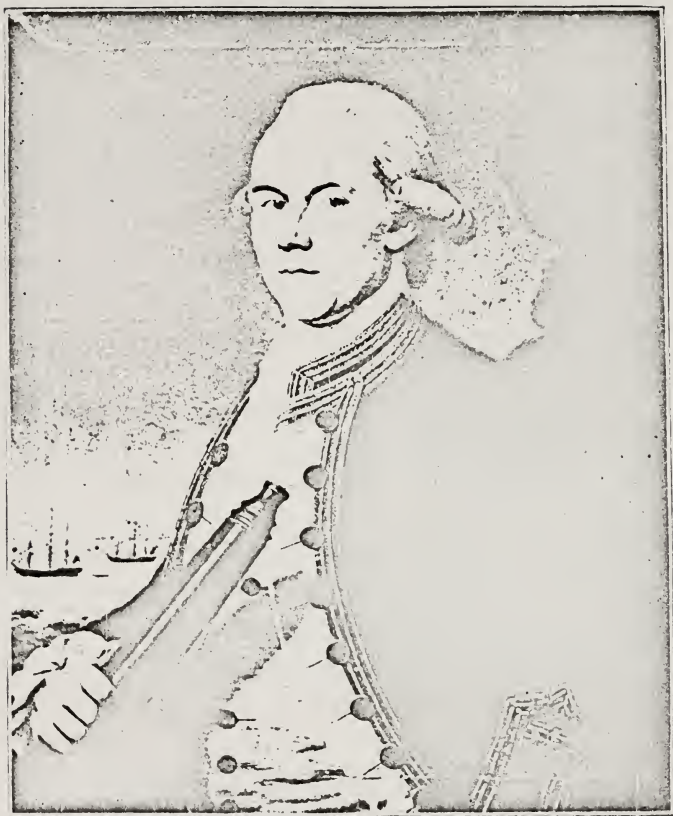
Dec 2. Spent the evening at the Fire Club at Colo. Ingersolls with Treas. Gray, Master Lovell, Jos. Green, Solo. Davis Geo Bethune, Melabiah Bourne, Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker, Benj<sup>a</sup> Fanewill John Dennie, M<sup>r</sup> Inman. We voted in M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston a member.

Dec 7. M<sup>r</sup> Edward Payne had a Quantity of Malaga Wine seized in the Heron by Sheppard.

Dec 11. John Dennie & Tim<sup>r</sup> Folger made Justices yesterday. I attended the Funerall of M<sup>rs</sup> Storer this afternoon.

Dec 13. M<sup>r</sup> Thompson went into my house opposite me the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant at £30 p annum.

Dec 17. This Day M<sup>r</sup> Thompson took the House



CAPT. JOHN LINZEE



over the way at 100 Doll<sup>s</sup> pr Annum for six months. I deliv'd him the key.

Dec 25. Christmas Day. excessive cold weather, the ink freezes — I went to Church this forenoon. We gathered £318.6/ old tenor which was more than I expected being very Cold & few People at Church.

Dec 26. Still very cold — Capt Stephen Davis in my Sloop Polly sailed for Madeira this day — M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches was married this eve'ng to Miss Bettsy Brimmer.

Dec. 27. St John's Day — I dined at Colo. Ingersolls with the Brethren 41 Present.

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Primo Jany. I attended the Distribution of the Poor money at the Church. Din'd & Spent the evening at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, Sucky & Sally Inman also M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

Jany 8. I paid a visit to see Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould who is very Ill. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Sucky gone to Cambridge.

Jany 9. My Worthy Friend Old M<sup>r</sup> Gould Died.

Jany 13. I Attended as a Relation The Funerall of my Old Friend M<sup>r</sup> John Gould, a Great Number of Gentlemen & others attended.

Jany 16. Spent part of the evening at the Coffee House on an Arbitration between the Underwriters of the N<sup>o</sup> End & Pain Newman of Newberry, myself, John Avery & John Scollay.

Jan'y 17. M<sup>r</sup> Innans birth Day M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky gone to Cambridge.

Jan 22. The Trial of W<sup>m</sup> Tyng came on this day for Treble Damages.

Jan 26. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached. A most charming Discourse. I spent an hour or two with Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould & perused his Uncles' Last Will & Testament.

Jan 27. Judge Auchmooty told in his Decree against W<sup>m</sup> Tyng.

Jan 30. Spent the evening at the Assembly Present 44 Gentlemen 53 Ladies.

Feb'y 2. Wee have Rec'd the Bad news Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould's Sloop was cast away on Plum Island Fry-day night.

Feb'y 5. M<sup>r</sup> Golthwait told us of a Conference between him & Mollineaux, very extraordinary wanting M<sup>r</sup> G. to destroy Josiah Quincy & Benj<sup>n</sup> Kent.

Feb'y 9. Several Vessells Blown off are heard off at Antigua & Statia.

Feb 12. I attended the Funerall of Miss Polly Wethered & was a Bearer together with Dr Gardner James Pitts Peter Chardon Shrimpton Hutchinson & Major Vafsall.

Feb 13. M<sup>r</sup> John Wendall was buried this afternoon. Spent the evening at the Assembly There was a Clever Company.

Feb 15. I attended the Funerall of M<sup>rs</sup> Miller Sister to W<sup>m</sup> Vafsall Esq and was a Bearer

Feb 16. I paid a Visit to Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould who has



got the Gout came home & spent the evening with Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo. Davis Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky. ab<sup>o</sup> Ten of Clock M<sup>rs</sup> Davis & Katy Wendall came to Our house.

Feb 17. Very Smart Cold. The Ink Freezes as I write.

Feb. 19. The Superior Court met yesterday & made a Good Figure. they were attended by a Great Number of Gentlemen, the Governor, Admiral & many more.

Feb. 22. The Beaver's Gunner Quelch & Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee's Clark have had an Affray. the Gunner has wounded the Clark.

Mar 5. A Town meeting this morning. they adjourned to Dr Sewall's Meeting house where there was an Oration spoke by Dr Warren on the memory of this day Two Year. tis said upwards of four thousand People were present. There was an Exhibition at M<sup>rs</sup> Clappams in Kings Street this evening. A great many Spectators.

Mar 7. The Treasurer's (Gray) Birthday, aged Sixty years. he says he was very Brisk this morning.

Mar 9. Town meeting this day — The Petitions of the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour M<sup>r</sup> Hubbard & Dr Gardiner were Dismissed Also M<sup>r</sup> Payson's & M<sup>r</sup> Molli-neux. Two new Select Men Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin & Colo. Marshall in the Room of M<sup>r</sup> Inches & M<sup>r</sup> Mason. I got excused from Being a Fire Ward.

Mar 10. I attended Town Meeting this Forenoon. Large Debates on the affairs of M<sup>r</sup> Molli-neux.

Mar 26. I attended the Funerall of M<sup>r</sup> Ethoridge & was a Bearer with Francis Johnnot Cap<sup>t</sup> Partridge Cap<sup>t</sup> Dogget M<sup>r</sup> Hews & M<sup>r</sup> Ruggles the Carpenter. The Glasgow Man of Warr Cap<sup>t</sup> Maltby arriv'd from England. Last from Lisbon, M<sup>rs</sup> Grace Gardner Buried too night.

Mar 27. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee saild in the Beaver. (From Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> there is scarcely a day when the Diary does not record his dining or spending the evening at M<sup>r</sup> Rowe's & oftener both).

I spent the former Part of the Evening at Colo. Ingersolls with John Hancock, Treas<sup>r</sup> Gray Thos Gray Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait Solo. Davis W<sup>m</sup> Davis, W<sup>m</sup> Coffin, jun<sup>r</sup>, Arnold Wells Tuthill Hubbard & Jos. Scot. The Treasurer told a story ab<sup>n</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Tyng sending his Irish man to buy cheese etc. The Remainder at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Sucky

April 1. This morning ab<sup>n</sup> four of Clock The Town was alarmed by a fire which Broke Out in the Front Room of the British Coffee house—it was very lucky our Engines got the Better of it Soon.

Aprill 2. Fast Day. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a very Clever & pertnent sermon. After (dinner) Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee Came in being Return'd in the Beaver very Leaky. Cap<sup>t</sup> Higginson, Capt Callahan Cap<sup>t</sup> Jenkins arriv'd from London and a Great number of Other Vessels from Different parts it snows very fast & blows hard at North East.

April 3. Tho<sup>s</sup> Symms Shut up Yesterday.

April 4. Young Rob<sup>t</sup> Jarvis arrivd in Geo.

Ervings Schooner from London, Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger in Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston's Ship from London, Cap<sup>t</sup> Wood in M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Brigg<sup>n</sup> was Cast away on Point Allerton & another Brigg<sup>n</sup> near the same place from the West Indies both in the Storms yesterday.

Aprill 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis arrivd in 27 Days from London — Sir Tho<sup>s</sup> Rich Passenger in Jarvis. The Admirall visited the Fleet to Day.

Aprill 8. The General Court met at Cambridge this day. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock is Chosen Speaker & approved.

Aprill 11. Cap<sup>t</sup> Davis arrivd in my Sloop Polly from Madeira

Aprill 17. The Treasurer, Commissary & Import officer were Chose this day & the same as last Year — M<sup>r</sup> Gray — M<sup>r</sup> Cushing — M<sup>r</sup> Russell.

Aprill 18. Lewis Turner died very Suddenly.

Aprill 20. Monday. I went to Church this morning to Chose Church officers which were the same as Last Year.

Aprill 23. I attended the Merch<sup>s</sup> Meeting. Brigg<sup>r</sup> Brattle Major Hawley & John Hancock were Chose Commifsioners to Treat with New York Government.

May 7. The Representatives for Boston were Elected Yesterday John Hancock, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Phillips

May 10. I went to church this morning M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Scituate Read prayers & preached from 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. to the Romans 16<sup>th</sup> Verse Afternoon I went to church. M<sup>r</sup> Thompson read

prayers & preached from 6<sup>th</sup> Chap. of the Prophet Hosea & 6<sup>th</sup> Verse. Both these sermons were honestly designed but very lengthy.

May 19. Old Dana the Lawyer was buried this morning. W<sup>m</sup> Shephard the Searcher died this morning.

May 27. The following Gentlemen were Elected Counsellors for the ensuing year —

Sam Danforth	Esq	Tho <sup>s</sup> Saunders	Esq
W <sup>m</sup> Brattle	“	Stephen Hall	“
Harrison Gray	“	J <sup>m</sup> Hancock	“
Sam Dexter	“	John Erving	“
Benj Greenleaf	“	Tho <sup>s</sup> Hubbard	“
Tim <sup>o</sup> Woodbridge	“	James Pitts	“
Isaac Royall	“	Artemus Ward	“
James Boudoin	“	Caleb Cushing	“
James Russell	“	Sam Phillips	“

#### PLY<sup>MO</sup> COLONY.

James Otis — W<sup>m</sup> Sever — Walt<sup>r</sup> Spooner & Jerahmiel Bower Esqr.

#### PROVINCE OF MAYNE.

Nat Sparhawk, John Bradbury, Jeremiah Powell Esqrs.

#### AT LARGE.

John Humphreys, George Leonard jun<sup>r</sup> Esqrs.

F<sup>or</sup> Sagadahock — James Gowen Esq. The Governour consented to the Choice of all the Gentlemen except Jerahmiel Bowers. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock declined taking his Seat at the Board.

June 4. Kings Birth Day. Colo. Erving made his appearance at the Head of his Regim<sup>t</sup> — the Grenadiers looked very well. Major. Paddock's Company behaved very Clever. I attended the Governour &c at the Council Chamber. I spent the evening at Concert Hall where there was a Ball, a great Company there the Admiral & Gent<sup>m</sup> of the Navy & too many to enumerate.

June 5. I went to Richards with Tho<sup>s</sup> Knight, Jos. Green & J<sup>m</sup> Williams wee fished wee had but middling Luck. Tho<sup>s</sup> Knight caught Twenty Two Trout. I sent the Admirall a Dozen of Trout & Perch.

June 10. The Admirall told me that Cap<sup>t</sup> Duminis was wounded & his Vessel burnt at Providence.

June 16. I rose very early & set out for Ipswitch with Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef & Jack Williams — on acc<sup>t</sup> of a Law Suit I have with Nich<sup>s</sup> Tracy. We Stopt at Lynn & Salem & Reached Ipswitch before Dinner. We Dined at Treadwells with Dr Smith & M<sup>r</sup> Miller both of Newbery Port. Afternoon I attended the Court & spent the evening at Treadwells with M<sup>r</sup> Marston of M<sup>h</sup>ead & M<sup>r</sup> Calef.

June 17. Attended Court. dined at Treadwell's with Colo. Lee of M<sup>h</sup>ead, Epps Sargeant of Gloster, M<sup>r</sup> Adams the Lawyer & M<sup>r</sup> Calef.

June 18. I attended Court & agreed to Refer my Action to Benj<sup>n</sup> Greenleaf of Newberry Port, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> King of M<sup>h</sup>ead & Job Prince in Boston.

June 19. Wee went to Flax Pond, wee fished there, wee had the Best Sport I ever was at, wee

caught very near a hundred Weight of Fish & the Largest Perch I ever saw there.

June 24. St. John's Day. Dr Warren & his Lodge walked in procession to Dr Byles' Church where a sermon was Preached by M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Fairweather. I dined with the Lodges under my Care at Brother Bracketts. Present 38.

June 27. Dr Church & others petitioned me to be set off to Another Lodge.

June 29. I began to mow the Pasture this day.

July 7. Colo. Hancock turned out this forenoon with the Cadet Company — they made a Good Figure & behaved very well throughout the whole of the exercise. The whole Regiment appeared in the Common this afternoon, also Major Paddock's Company — the whole behaved much Better than usual.

July 10. We were alarmed in the Night by the Turf in the Common behind the Powder House being on Fire.

July 15. I went to Cambridge it being Commencement Day. I attended the Ceremony in the forenoon. I dined at Col. Murray's son's Room with Col<sup>o</sup> Murray Col<sup>o</sup> Saltonstall Judge Sewall, Colo. Oliver Sam<sup>l</sup> Quincy M<sup>r</sup> Pease of Newport, M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Letchmere, Major Vassall M<sup>r</sup> Gooding of Salem, Dr Russell of Concord, M<sup>r</sup> Flagg, M<sup>r</sup> Sam Fitch, M<sup>r</sup> Archer a Gen<sup>l</sup> of Lisbon, M<sup>r</sup> Archibald M<sup>r</sup> Neal, M<sup>r</sup> Abram Savage, M<sup>r</sup> Balch, M<sup>r</sup> Phillip Dumaresque M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Russell, M<sup>r</sup> Forrest, M<sup>r</sup> Greg. Townsend, Cap<sup>t</sup> Fenton M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Green, M<sup>r</sup> John

Cotton, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Brinley & M<sup>r</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Murray. After Dinner wee were visited by the Governour & Council, Admirall Montague & a Great many other Gentlemen—too many to enumerate. I paid a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Jona Williams' Son & also Dr Whitworth Son, both which took their Degree.

July 16. I went early to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's who made the Genteelest Entertainment I ever saw on acc<sup>t</sup> of his son George taking his Degree yesterday—he had Three hundred forty seven Gentlemen & Ladies dined. Two hundred & Ten at one Table—amongst the Company The Gov<sup>r</sup> & Family, The Lieut Governour & Family, The Admirall & Family & all the Remainder, Gentlemen & Ladies of Character & Reputation. The whole was conducted with much Ease & Pleasure & all Joyned in making each other Happy—such an Entertainment has not been made in New England before on any Occasion. I came to Town say Cambridge & went to the Ball at the Town House, where most of the Company went to Dance—they were all very happy & Cheerful & the whole was conducted to the General Satisfaction of all present. I returned to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's & slept there. M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Inman met a misfortune at Cambridge.

July 21. This day ab<sup>n</sup> noon Sumners Shop was Burnt down.

July 26. After church the Church Wardens & Vestry met about some alteration in Our Church. I was sorry to see the Gentlemen so Indifferent ab<sup>n</sup> it.



July 28. Dr. Heron came to look at my leg which I hurted on Saturday last.

Aug. 6. This morning M<sup>r</sup> Hancock, Dr Cooper M<sup>r</sup> Brattle, M<sup>r</sup> Tuthill Hubbard, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef, M<sup>r</sup> Winthrop of Cambridge M<sup>r</sup> Nich<sup>"</sup> Bowes & Cap<sup>t</sup> Hood went from Boston in the Providence Packet to visit the Eastern Parts of this Province and also on a Party of Pleasure. My Servant Henry Smith & Davis the Barber Man went with them as attendants. This forenoon Cap<sup>t</sup> Jordan removed into the Foge Man of War from the Kingfisher & Cap<sup>t</sup> Lobb Resumed the Command of the King Fisher Sloop. the Guns of the Fleet were fired on this Occasion

Aug 9. I dont go out being Confined by the Wound in my Leg the Doctor cannot at present dry it up.

Aug 10. Dr Peterson came with Dr Heron to see my Leg.

Aug 11. Dr Peterson came with Dr Heron to see my Leg.

Aug 14. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee arrivd in the Beaver Man of Warr from Rhode Island. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee came ashore to pay us a visit who staid the afternoon & spent the evening with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe myself & Sucky.

Aug 22. M<sup>r</sup> Severance Clarkson of New York paid me a visit also M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Swanwick of Philadelphia Sucky Inman gone to Cambridge with her father & her mother & Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee

Aug 23. I am still unable to go to church



altho' the Doctor says my Leg is much better. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock & his Party arrived here yesterday from the Eastward

Aug 25. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee's horse was Brought home last Saturday. The Superfines Superior Court sat to Day. Dr Heron Drefsed my Leg with Tincture of Myrrh.

Aug. 26. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee was taken last night at M<sup>r</sup> Inman's at the Suit of Clark & Nightingale. I waited on M<sup>r</sup> Reeves about this affair.

Aug 27. I have been much engaged ab<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee's business with the Board. I sent Tho<sup>s</sup> Hooper to Rhode Island on Purpose. My Leg much Better thank God & in a fair way.

Aug 28. The Sheriff in Quest after Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Col. Brattle was going to raise the Militia. The Rising Sun Lodge consecrated.

Aug 31. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee was arrested on the Mulatto affair.

Sept 1. I went to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's to see my Dear Sucky Inman married to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Linzee. the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter performed the Ceremony. Present The Admiral, M<sup>rs</sup> Montague, M<sup>r</sup> George & Miss Sophie Montague, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman George, Sucky & Sally Inman. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck, M<sup>rs</sup> Troutbeck, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter, M<sup>rs</sup> Walter, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Serjeant, Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould, M<sup>rs</sup> Gould, John Inman, George Inman, Miss Polly & Miss Anna Murray Miss Howard, Miss Hannah Speakman, myself & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. Wee all dined there.

Sept 2. I gave Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee a Letter with Orders to draw on me every New Years Day Twenty Pounds Sterling, taking the money of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane Son & Fraser for my acc<sup>t</sup>.

Sept 4. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee sailed this forenoon & carried my Dear Sucky with him, I wish them happy together. M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman George & Sally went down in the Beaver as far as the Light-house with Cap<sup>t</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee & took their leave of Sucky. 'tis a fair wind. My Leg is much better tonight.

Sept 6. I sent Antony to Judge Sewall at Cambridge on business of Importance ab<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee's matter.

Sept 23. My Negro Marcellus was Brought home this eve'ng much hurt.

Sept 24. M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmer took my house this Day

Sept 25. I got all the Fellows taken up that abused Marcellus & tryd them before Justice Quincy. the Justice ordered them to Goal.

Sept 28. George Inman went to Herman & Andrew Brimmer's this day.

Oct 1. I waited on W<sup>m</sup> Vafsall Esq<sup>r</sup>—about his son Henry.

Oct 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brown arr'd in the Sucky from Bristol. Cap<sup>t</sup> Airy in the Sloop Polly from Whaling having met Bad Weather & an unsuccessful Voyage.

Oct 19. After Dinner Cap<sup>t</sup> Freeman Brought in my Kinsman Jack Rowe Son of my Brother

Jacob of Quebeck. he came in Cap<sup>t</sup> Wies. I am glad he is come. He is Upwards of seven Year Old.

Oct 26. Colo. Hancock with his Company appeared under Arms Yesterday being the King's Accession to the Throne & the 13<sup>th</sup> Year of his Majesty's Reign.

Oct 28. Town Meeting to Day ab<sup>o</sup> the Judges Salary.

Oct 30. M<sup>r</sup> Murray & Family also Tho<sup>s</sup> Hooper sailed this day for Cape Fear.

Oct 31. After Dinner I rode over to Brackets where I spent an hour with Treas. Gray & John Cotton & we were Joyned by James Otis who had been to wait on Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson as a Committee man from the Town of Boston. M<sup>r</sup> Propert sent me the Key of the Organ at Trinity Church. I sent for M<sup>r</sup> John Cutler & delivered him the Key.

Nov 2. I attended M<sup>r</sup> John Adams this morning about Colo. Lee's affair. Town meeting this afternoon.

Nov 10. I set out in Paddocks Coach for Salem with Madame Apthorp, M<sup>r</sup> Gilb<sup>t</sup> Deblois, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & Jack Rowe in my chaise. We went all Round thro Cambridge & dined at Martins. we got to Salem ab<sup>o</sup> four of Clock. We spent the Evening at the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls where we were Joyned by Old M<sup>r</sup> Nickolls, his Lady, his Son & Daughter, M<sup>r</sup> Fisher the Collector, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Douse & Several Young Gentlemen under the Care of M<sup>r</sup> Nickolls'.

Nov 11. We breakfasted at Goodhews & stoped at M<sup>r</sup> Nickolls I left my Kinsman Jack Rowe there to school. We set out for home we dined at Martins. we got to Cambridge, we left M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson there. We got safe to Boston.

Nov 16. The Admirall sent for me this morning & told me ab<sup>t</sup> the Fresh Beef Contract extending to New England & demanded a supply for the Ships at Rhode Island.

Nov. 17. We have an acc<sup>t</sup> of a Pirate on the Coast this day. The Lively Man of War is fitting to go in search of her.

Nov 21. M<sup>r</sup> Bacon is come to Town from Barnstaple & says the Man is in Goal ab<sup>t</sup> the Piracy. The Story is very Intricate.

Nov 22. The man was Brought to Town from Barnstaple this evening & examined before the Gov<sup>r</sup>, Admiral Montague & others Relating the Piracy. they Committed him to Goal, Strong Suspicions against him.

Nov 24. Cap<sup>t</sup> Jenkins arrived from London & bro<sup>t</sup> news of the Beaver being safe arrived at Portsmouth.

Nov 27. My Birth Day I am this day Fifty seven years old

Nov. 28. The Lively Cap<sup>t</sup> Talbot Returned from a Cruize into Nantasket Roads. No Further acc<sup>t</sup> of any Pirate.

Primo Dec. George Inman has got the measles & Jack Rowe has had them at Salem & got well

Dec. 3. Thanksgiving Day. I dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & spent the afternoon & evening at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Geo. Inman.

Dec 7. I dined at home with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter & M<sup>r</sup> Serjeant a young Gentleman from Andover that's a Candidate for an Assistant to M<sup>r</sup> Walter. he Read Prayers in the Church this morning to several of us that wee might Judge of His Voice & I think he has a pleasant & agreeable Voice.

Dec 14. Geo Inman set out for Norwitch. A very Busy Day with mee this Day.

Dec 16. The man that is supposed to have Committed the Piracy was arraigned this Day—before The Governour, Lieut Gov<sup>r</sup>, The Seceretary of the Province, The Admirall The Judge of Admiralty, M<sup>r</sup> Fisher the Collector of Salem, M<sup>r</sup> Waldo, The Collector of Falmouth Casco Bay.

Dec 18. Terry took my new Black Colt away to Day to break.

Dec 24. This morning ab<sup>o</sup> one of Clock wee were alarmed by Fire. it was a large Barn burnt down & M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Wells house much Damaged & in Great Danger.

Dec 25. Christmas Day. M<sup>r</sup> Walter Read Prayers & preached a sensible metaphysical sermon for Christmas from 3<sup>rd</sup> Chap. Timothy 16<sup>th</sup> Verse. We collected ab<sup>o</sup> four hundred pounds Old Tendr for the Poor.

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Jan'y 5. I spent the afternoon with the Proprietors of Long Wharf at the Coffee House. Present. The Lieut-Governour M<sup>r</sup> Oliver, M<sup>r</sup> Arnold Wells, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Powell, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dalton, M<sup>r</sup> And<sup>r</sup> Phillips M<sup>r</sup> John Savage, Deacon Grant, John Hancock Esq & Job Prince.

Jan 7. A Fire broke out at the Foot of the Rope Walk, it Consumed M<sup>r</sup> Russell's house, M<sup>r</sup> Calfs' Tanhouse & a Carpenter's Shop, also other Damage to the Neighbourhood. James Richardson called on me ab<sup>o</sup> the affair of Tho<sup>s</sup> Symms, which I signed.

Jan 18. The coldest night this season. The Queens Birthday I spent the evening at Concert Hall at a very Brilliant Ball, upwards of Two hundred Gentlemen & Ladies.

Jan 21. The House voted the Judges Salary this Day Chief Justice £300 p ann, the others £250.

Jan 22. The House Read an Answer to the Governour's Speech Twice this Forenoon, a very lengthy Speech.

Jan 26. I sold the Hannah, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis to Tho<sup>s</sup> Russell & Cap<sup>t</sup> Dunn for nine hundred Guineas this day — The Sessions set this day on the Petition ab<sup>o</sup> Our Goal.

Jan 31. After church M<sup>r</sup> Erving, young M<sup>r</sup> Loring, M<sup>r</sup> Walter & myself had a long talk ab<sup>o</sup> the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Coombs of Philadelphia as an Assistant for us.

Feb 3. I went to the Concert at the Coffee

House of M<sup>r</sup> Propert's — very fine Musick & Good Performers.

Feb'y 8. This morning my Brigg sailed for So Carolina Cap<sup>t</sup> Skinner, young Josiah Quincy went Passenger

Feb 17. Spent the Evening at the Coffee House with a Great number of Gentlemen & Ladies being M<sup>r</sup> Poperts Concert.

Febry 18. I attended all Day at the Superior Court to hear the Tryall between the Proprietors of the Long Wharf & Geo. Minot — The Proprietors lost their Cause.

Febry 21. A fire Broke out this morning between two & three of Clock in M<sup>r</sup> Summer's Shop at the Bottom of Cole Lane — it Burnt several Dwelling Houses & Shops. The Coldest Day this winter — the Ink & everything else freezes. The weather so very cold M<sup>r</sup> Walter did not preach this morning

Febry 22. The coldest night ever known. New Moon —

Feb'ry 24. After Dinner M<sup>r</sup> Ezek Golthwait came to Our house ab<sup>o</sup> the settlement of Jack Linzee's affairs.

March 1. Afternoon I spent at Faneuill Hall with the Committee ab<sup>o</sup> Lighting the Lamps. Present myself, Henderson Inches, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Benj<sup>n</sup> Austin & M<sup>r</sup> Appleton.

March 5. Dr Church performed an Oration at Dr Sewall's meeting. The Judges say to Great Acceptance — This evening an Exhibition in M<sup>rs</sup>

Clapham's Balcony. A Great Concourse of People in King's St of all sorts & a large Number to remember the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1770 assembled at M<sup>rs</sup> Claphams —

March 8. Town Meeting for the Choice of Officers.

March 16. I went to Brush Hill & dined with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman Madam Belcher, M<sup>rs</sup> Belcher, M<sup>rs</sup> Jones, Sally Inman, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, Ezeck<sup>l</sup> Golthwait, M<sup>rs</sup> Golthwait, Anna & Betty Murray — Wee were very merry.

March 19. Antony went to Newport this morning in Browns Stage.

March 20. The Lieut Governour's Lady was Buried this evening.

March 22. Afternoon the new Court house took Fire but did no Great Damage.

March 23. I attended the Funeral of my Friend Cap<sup>t</sup> Hay of the Tamar Man of War. The order of Procession as follows

The Band of the 64 Regiment.

The Officers & the Marines of the Navy.

The Clergymen of the Town.

The Doctors Peterson & White — full mourning.

The Corps & Bearers — Cap<sup>ts</sup> Loring, Talbot, Symonds, Jordan, Howe & Crosse —

The Admirall, The Governour, M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson, Sec<sup>try</sup>

The Commissioners M<sup>r</sup> Hulton, M<sup>r</sup> Paxton, M<sup>r</sup> Birch, M<sup>r</sup> Hallowell



Lieutenants of the Navy Two & Two

Officers of the Army “ “ “

The Midshipmen “ “ “

The Warrant Officers “ “ “

The Gentlemen Inhabitants of the Town — The Coaches Chariots & other Carriages — Such a Multitude & Concourse of People I never saw before together. The Corps was preceded with Solemn Musick to the Chapel & after service was performed was Interred under the Chapel —

March 28. The King's Chapel was shut up this Day. the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Caner & M<sup>r</sup> Troutbeck are both confined.

April 4. A fire Broke out at the North End & burnt two shops & Sandiman's Meetinghouse.

April 5. Several Stores on the Long Wharff Broke Open on Saturday night & Last night.

April 6. I went to see an Ox at Dimond Moretons which was Bred by M<sup>r</sup> Baker of Westborough which weighed 2587 pounds — 5 foot 8 inches high.

April 15. The Swan Man of War Cap' Aiken arr'd from Rhode Island & this day a Court Martial was held on board the Captain Man of War to Try the Lieutenant of the Cruizer for Neglect of Duty. dismissed the Service.

Aprill 17. This morning I was taken very Ill & obliged to send for Dr. Perkins. I Continued in Great Pain all Day & all Night.

April 18. I still continue in Great Pain. the Doctor has made an Apothecary Shop in my Stomach.

April 19. I have still much Pain & continue So all Day

April 20. Still in Pain & grown weak

April 21. I felt Better this morning but have yet a Little Pain. & I eat a Little Veal for the First time, am not yet quite Well. I am much obliged to numbers of my Friends who have been kind enough to visit me in this Sickness. Ezek<sup>l</sup> Goldthwait Jos Goldthwait M<sup>r</sup> Meredith Greg. Townsend W<sup>m</sup> Coffin John Coffin Solo Davis, Tuthill Hubbard, The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter, Colo. Erving, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis, M<sup>r</sup> Ingersol, Rich<sup>d</sup> Greene Nath<sup>l</sup> Barber Bro. Fitch. I slept Tolerable to Night.

April 22. Am still in Great Pain. after dinner I took a Ride in the Carriage Round the Little Square. when I Returned found much Pain. I took a Little Geneva of mint ab<sup>o</sup> Ten of Clock, it Relieved me

April 23. I Rode out & felt much Better but still weak. I dind Below for the first Time

April 25. Being still unwell I did not get Abroad this Day

April 29. After Dinner I went to settle the Town Treasurers acc<sup>ts</sup> present Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray J<sup>no</sup> Amory Major Davis myself.

April 30. I dind at home with M<sup>r</sup> Meredith, M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Geo Inman & Anthony — wee had a Pike w<sup>d</sup> 5<sup>lbs</sup> 10<sup>oz</sup> — very fine.

Primo May. I went to Chapell this morning & stood Godfather for M<sup>r</sup> Gib<sup>t</sup> Deblois Son together

with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & M<sup>r</sup> Inman. It was Baptized by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fairweather and Named Ralph. I dind at M<sup>r</sup> Deblois with him M<sup>rs</sup> Deblois his three Sons Stephen Will<sup>m</sup> & Jack — The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fairweather M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Inman Geo Inman Madam Apthorp M<sup>rs</sup> Snow & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

May 2. I dind at home with The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sargent of Cambridge on Calf.

May 4. M<sup>r</sup> Meredith went out of Town today. This afternoon wee met ab<sup>n</sup> the Lamps Present myself Deacon Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches M<sup>r</sup> Appleton Deacon Storer Benj<sup>m</sup> Austin.

May 5. M<sup>r</sup> Townsend & myself caught five dozen & eight fine Trout (at Pembroke.)

There was a Town meeting this day at Boston the four Old Representatives were Chosen. John Hancock, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, Samuell Adams & W<sup>m</sup> Phillips.

May 8. Wee had very fine Trout which I Caught at Pembroke for Dinner. I sent M<sup>rs</sup> Montague Six Large Ones.

May 10. I met the Committee ab<sup>n</sup> the Lamps, at the Coffee house Present myself, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Benj<sup>m</sup> Austin M<sup>r</sup> Storer & M<sup>r</sup> Appleton.

This day I let my house over the way for £26.13.4 pr annum he to paper the Rooms at his Own Expense.

May 11. I attended Town meeting — my Old Bookeeper James Perkins was buried this afternoon.

May 13. I waited on the Committee ab<sup>n</sup> Lighting the Lamps.

May 14. Town meeting this afternoon I attended.

May 18. Attended the Committee ab<sup>o</sup> fixing the Lamps — We finished the North part of the Town No 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 Divisions. Present myself, Deacon Phillips Deacon Storer, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Appleton, Major Daws to which were the Gentlemen of the Several Wards M<sup>r</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Brown, M<sup>r</sup> John Leach M<sup>r</sup> Paul Revere M<sup>r</sup> Ed<sup>w</sup> Procter M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hitchum.

May 19. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> How was ordained at the late M<sup>r</sup> Cheeklys meeting this afternoon.

May 22. I went with James Perkins, Henry Laughton & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef to Natick Pond — wee were Joyned by Tuthill Hubbard & Joshua Blanchard & wee fished there wee had Good Sport — Wee caught upwards of Ten doz<sup>n</sup> Pickerell & Perch — the Boats in very Bad order & Leaky — Our Commissioners Returned home last night from the Congress of New York — ab<sup>o</sup> the Line which was held at Hartford — they have adjusted the affair to the Satisfaction of the Government. Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson, Gen<sup>l</sup> Brattle, Colo Hancock & Major Hawley.

May 23. After church M<sup>r</sup> Walter desired a Conversation with me & M<sup>r</sup> Erving about M<sup>r</sup> Pickering of Portsmouth.

May 24. This day I went with the Committee ab<sup>o</sup> the Lamps to view the Wards N<sup>os</sup> 6, 7 & 8 which we finished. Present myself, M<sup>r</sup> Storer, Henderson Inches, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Benj<sup>n</sup> Austin, Nat Appleton also John Basset Cap<sup>t</sup> Bradford Joseph Jackson, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Homer Cap<sup>t</sup> Job Prince & in

the afternoon Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard John Amory Major Paddock, Deacon Church, John Sweetzer & Tho<sup>a</sup> Amory.

May 26. General Election. The following Gentlemen were Chose his Majesty's Council.

Sam <sup>l</sup> Danforth	Esq	Sam Phillips	Esq
James Boudoin	"	John Winthrop	"
Sam Dexter	"	John Adams	"
Caleb Cushing	"	John Erving	"
Humphrey Hobson	"	James Pitts	"
William Phillips	"	Benj <sup>n</sup> Greenleaf	"
Isaac Royall	"	John Hancock	"
James Russell	"	John Whitcomb	"
Artemas Ward	"		

#### Colony of Plymouth

James Otis, W<sup>m</sup> Sever, Walter Spooner, Jeremiah Bowers

for Sagadahock, W<sup>m</sup> Brattle Esq

for the Province of the Mayne

Jeremiah Powell, Jedediah Prebble James Gowan

At Large. James Humphreys, Geo. Leonard jun<sup>r</sup>

The Governour negatived W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, John Adams & Jerahmiel Bowers — Jn<sup>n</sup> Hancock & John Whitcomb declined going up.

May 27. Two of the Commissioners were very much abused yesterday when they came out from the Publick Dinner at Concert Hall, M<sup>r</sup> Hulton & M<sup>r</sup> Hallowell. W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, W<sup>m</sup> Dennie, Paul Revere & several others were the Principal Actors.

May 28. I attended the Select Men in order to get my Sloop St John up.

May 29. I rose very early this morning in order to get Hunter away. afterward I went to Richards a fishing with Tuthill Hubbard, James Perkins, Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef & W<sup>m</sup> Davis. After I came home I heard of his Majesty's Store Ship having Caught fire & was burnt with all the Stores in her. it put the Inhabitants of the Town Into Great Consternation for Fear of a Large Quantity of Powder being on board. They tow'd her to Noddles Island.

Capt Hood arrivd from London with the Small Pox on board

June 4. King's Birthday aged 35. Colo. Hancock & Company of Cadets, Major Paddock & Artillery, Colo. Erving & the Regiment, Colo. Phipps & Company all made their appearance in the Common — Such a Quantity or Rather Multitude of People as Spectators I never saw before. they behaved very well.

June 8. I rose very early & set out with Duncan for Wrentham on a Party with Admirall Montague. I stopt at Richards & at Robin's Walpole & at eleven I reached Wrentham. I went a fishing with the Admiral & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jordan. Wee caught a great many but very small. I dined at Mann's Tavern with Admiral & M<sup>rs</sup> Montague, Cap<sup>t</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Jordan, Cap<sup>t</sup> George Montague Miss Sophia Montague, Maj<sup>r</sup> Musgrave, Miss Blake. Wee spent the afternoon & evening. wee all slept there.

June 9. I rose very early & went afishing with the Admiral. The Admiral caught 173 Perch.

June 12. Letters from Sucky.

June 19. I got in Most Part of my Hay to Day

June 24. I attended the Brethren at their Feast at Bracketts on Boston Neck. Present myself, The worshipfull Dr Warren who favoured the Lodges with his Company (& 46 Brethren) We spent the Day agreeably & very Chearfull.

July 5. J<sup>m</sup> Inman went to Mendon after the Willders — both villains.

July 7. The Select Men & other Gentlemen of the Town were to visit the schools.

July 13. I went to Milton & paid a visit to Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson.

July 25. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Cooper's Meeting House, Built new, was Preached in for the First time this day.

July 28. Went with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe to Salem — We stopt at Newalls Lynn from thence to Flax Pond — I fished there. I had very good sport — We reached Salem, we dined at Goodhew's Tavern — Afternoon we paid a visit to Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls & Jack Rowe.

July 29. Went with M<sup>r</sup> Inman & Duncan to Flax Pond — When we came there we found James Perkins & Sam<sup>l</sup> Calef — We dined under the Trees there & were joyned by M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, Sally Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls, Jack Rowe, Jack Coffin & Lewis Deblois — We were merry there — On our way home we met M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher of Salem & Miss Peggy Douse at Lynn — The Ladies Nicholls drank Tea Together — Yesterday Ansell Nickerson's Triall for Piracy begun, not yet over — his Judges are the Gov<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson. Lieut Gov<sup>r</sup>



Andrew Oliver Esq, Admirall Montague Secretary of this Province M<sup>r</sup> Flucker, M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Collector of Newport, M<sup>r</sup> Fisher Collector of Salem Rob<sup>t</sup> Auchmooty Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of Admiralty, Geo Jeffrey Counsellor New Hampshire.

Aug. 6. The Tryall of Ansell Nickerson was over this forenoon. He was acquitted contrary to Generall expectation.

Aug 14. This day the Sons of Liberty held their Annual Feast at Roxbury in the Training Field by John Williams—there were upwards of four hundred that dined there.

Aug 15. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read Prayers & Preached. A very Serious Good Discourse—M<sup>r</sup> Walter Shines more & more in his preaching.

Aug 22. After dinner I went to church—M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a very moving & Pathetick Discourse from the 32 Chap. Book of Deut. & 29<sup>h</sup> Verse—this sermon was occasioned by the Death of four of his Parishioners viz<sup>t</sup> Charles Hammock, M<sup>r</sup> Mortimer, his Wife, his Brother—who all Died in this week—M<sup>r</sup> Walter is so Good a man that my Pen cannot Describe his Virtues—M<sup>r</sup> Lynch, M<sup>rs</sup> Lynch & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe went to hear the Indian Minister Oatum preach at M<sup>r</sup> Moorhead's Meeting.

28 Aug. Saturday I rose very early this morning & went with Admiral Montagu Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams of the Advice & Duncan to Menotomy Pond—Wee dind at the Tavern M<sup>r</sup> Weathersbys & wee were Joynd by the following Company—M<sup>rs</sup> Mon-



tagu, Miss Montagu George Montagu James Montagu Lady Frankland M<sup>r</sup> Cromwell, Richd Letchmere M<sup>rs</sup> Letchmere Miss Letchmere M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Simpson M<sup>rs</sup> Simpson Miss Simpson M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Inman Geo Inman Sally Inman Commifsioner Hulton M<sup>rs</sup> Hulton Secretary Flucker M<sup>rs</sup> Flucker Miss Flucker Lucy Flucker Sally Flucker M<sup>r</sup> Harrison the Collector of the Customs Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Symonds Commandor, the Captain Cap<sup>t</sup> Campbell that Commands the Marines Major Musgrave of the 64<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Miss Bettsy Coffin Daughter of Nath Coffin Dr White Surgeon of the Hospitall, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson who made this Entertainment — Wee were very Jolly I Came home & spent the Evening at home with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Geo Inman Miss Mary Green Daughter of Rufus Green died this morning much Lamented — The Admiral Cap<sup>t</sup> Williams & I had very Poor Luck the fish very small.

Sept 2. Yesterday was Suckys Wedding Day. Jack Rowe came to Town Yesterday.

Sept 7. I attended the Town's Committee at Faneuill Hall on the Lamp Affair — Present myself, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Benj<sup>n</sup> Austin, Eben Storer, Henderson Inches & Nat Appleton. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe went to Cambridge, Sally Inman being much out of order with a very bad Throat, Ulcerated.

Sept 8. This afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Bates performed for the first Time horsemanship — A great many People attended him.

Sept 10. Sally Inman is very Ill.

Sept 11. The Packet arrivd Letters from Sucky. Sally Inman continues very Ill.

Sept 13. The Doctor gives my Dear Sally Inman over. I staid all night there with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

Sept 14. Wee are all in Great Affliction. The Dear Sally Inman Departed about One of Clock this morning. She is gone to the Realms of Joy. I came to Town & met M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Deblois & Brought them back to consult about Sallys Funerall.

Sept 15. I went this day with Great Sorrow to M<sup>r</sup> Inman's to attend the Funerall of my Dear Sally Inman who was buried in the afternoon ab<sup>o</sup> four of Clock, attended by a Great Number of Friends too many to enumerate with upwards of Forty Carriages & abundance of Spectators. She was a most Amiable Girl & belov'd by All — her Bearers were Sam Perkins, Antony Letchmere, Jonathan Williams W<sup>m</sup> Collin, young Borland & young Fenton.

Sept 21. Went with Cap<sup>t</sup> Robertson & Duncan to Dedham, M<sup>r</sup> Woodward afishing — we fished there had very Great Luck we caught upwards Twenty Dozen of Large Perch. John Inman was married this evening to Cap<sup>t</sup> Haskins Daughter Miss Sally — a very Clever Young Lady.

Sept 22. King's Coronation — Colo. Erving & Regim<sup>t</sup> made their appearance, Colo. Hancock & Co & Major Paddock — I dined at Deacon Jones on Turtle by Invitation.

Sept 24. Spent Part of the Afternoon at Fane-will Hall with the Town Committee ab<sup>o</sup> the Lamps.

Sept 26. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached

from 34<sup>th</sup> Psalm & the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> verses. This sermon was adapted & directed to the Youth & I think very cleverly handled.

Oct 4. I visited the Admiral this morning & settled the acc<sup>ts</sup> for July & August Navy Matters with M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson.

Oct 5. This morning the Gentlemen of the Vestry belonging to Trinity Church met at my house & also M<sup>r</sup> Parker from Portsmouth — Present Stephen Greenleaf Jon<sup>a</sup> Simpson, Dan Hubbard, Geo Bethune John Cutler Henry Laughton, Rufus Greene, Benj<sup>n</sup> Green, myself & Johnson Jackson — we went to Church & heard M<sup>r</sup> Parker Read several Chapters which he did with Propriety & had a Good Voice — he was much liked — Afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Parker M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & myself went to see Bates Performance in Horsemanship t<sup>is</sup> a smart, active & strong man & does every thing to General Acceptance — The Vestry adj<sup>nd</sup> too Thursday 10 of Clock.

Oct. 7. Dr Bundle from Hopkinton came to Our house ab<sup>o</sup> the Little Farm there that was Cap<sup>t</sup> Ellis' — he says he pays eighteen Pounds a year for it & offered me three hundred & Ten pounds for it — The Church Wardens, Vestry & Heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Greene Deceased met according to Adjournment about the Choice of M<sup>r</sup> Parker — they were all of them for him. M<sup>r</sup> Goldthwaits Son in Law Williams dyed this night.

Oct 10. We had a Vestry meeting after Service ab<sup>o</sup> the settlement of M<sup>r</sup> Parker — There was a Duel fought between Cap<sup>t</sup> Maltby of the Glasgow

Man of War & Lieu<sup>t</sup> Finney of the Marines on Noddles Island Yesterday — Lieu<sup>t</sup> Finney is wounded in the Breast & t'is thought mortally.

Oct. 18. M<sup>r</sup> Finlay from Quebeck paid me a visit.

Oct 21. Levi Ames was hanged this afternoon — many Thousand Spectators attended the Execution — I dind at home with M<sup>r</sup> Finlay of Quebeck.

Oct 25. Kings Accession to the Throne — The Cadets Under Arms — General Muster at Cambridge.

Nov 2. This morning the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter & M<sup>r</sup> Parker paid me a visit on affairs of our Church — When I got abroad I found an advertisement stuck up at almost every Corner as Follows

“To the Freemen of this & the neighboring Towns Gen<sup>l</sup>, you are desired to meet at Liberty Tree this day at Twelve of Clock at noon, then & there to hear the Persons to whom the Tea is shipped by the East India Company, make a publick Resignation of their Office as Consignees upon Oath & also swear that they will re-ship any Tea that may be Consigned to them by said Company by the first Vessell sailing for London.” Boston Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1773 — O. C. Secretary.

Nov 3. This day the Inhabitants of the Town are alarmed Occasioned by the advertisement of yesterday — The Gentlemen to whom the Tea was Supposed to be Consigned did not obey the Summons & make their Appearance at Liberty Tree, upon which the Sons of Liberty appointed a Com-

mittee to go & wait on them to know their Determination, upon which the Committee with a large Concourse of People went from Liberty Tree to the store of M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark & Sons at the Bottom of King Street where they found M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark, M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Faneuil the Governour, two Sons, M<sup>r</sup> Jos Winslow of Marshfield who are the Gentlemen These Teas are supposed to be Consigned to. There were several of their Friends there with them, Colo. Hatch of Dorchester, Judge Lee of Cambridge, M<sup>r</sup> Nat Cary, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Laughton, & many others—M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux as Chairman of this Committee Read to them a Paper & produced another which they Required them to sign &c—M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark & the other Gentlemen gave them for answer—they would not Comply with their Request or words to that purpose—this was an Unexpected answer to them & has given them much Displeasure The principal People that accompanied M<sup>r</sup> Mollineux were as Follows—M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dennie, M<sup>r</sup> John Pitts, Colo. Heath of Roxbury, Dr Church, Dr Warren, Dr Young, Cap<sup>t</sup> J<sup>m</sup> Matchet, Cap<sup>t</sup> Hopkins, Nat Barker, Gabriel Johnnot, Ezek<sup>l</sup> Cheever & about five hundred more as near as I could guess—The same pieces was posted up this day as yesterday with this addition—Shew me the Man ! that dare take this down—I spent the evening at the Bunch of Grapes, Colo. Ingersoll with Treas. Gray, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, James Warden, Nat Cary, Geo. Erving. Melabiah Bourne. Jos. Scot, Jos. Blanchard Tho<sup>s</sup> Brattle, Tuth. Hubbard, Jos. Winslow,

Jos. Golthwait John Cotton, Solo Davis, Edw<sup>d</sup> Davis, W<sup>m</sup> Davis & Sam<sup>l</sup> Quiney.

Nov 4. The Town very Quiet this day — I dined at Bracketts on Boston Neck on Turtle & Spent the evening at the Possee. Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmer Esq had his Ball to Night at Concert Hall.

Nov 5. This day there is to be a Town Meeting — M<sup>r</sup> Palmer's Ball was very Brilliant, there were Upwards of Two hundred Gentlemen & Ladies — Very quiet for a Pope Night.

Nov 6. Town Meeting again this forenoon.

Nov 11. The Geese flew to the S<sup>ward</sup> yesterday.

Nov 12. The Gov<sup>r</sup> sent Colo. Hancock an order for Him to hold his Company in Readiness.

Nov. 17. This morning Cap<sup>t</sup> Scot arrived from London he Brings advice that Hall, Loring, Coffin & Bruce are to Bring the Tea from the East India Company — this a measure that is Generally disapproved & will Remain a Great Occasion of Disagreement between England & America.

Nov. 18. Last night a Considerable Body of People paraded thro' the Streets & attacked the House of M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Clark One of his Family fired a Gun from the House but luckily did not Hurt — they Broke all his Windows & Window Frames — but very little other Damage — This morning a Town Meeting was called on this & the Tea Affair — Another Committee Chose — the Gentlemen to whom the Tea is Consigned are still Resolved to Pursue such orders as they may receive.

Nov. 19. This day the Gentlemen to whom the

Tea is Consigned Petitioned the Governour & Council Relative their affairs.

Nov 21. Letters from Dear Sucky Inman.

Nov 23. The Governour & Council met this morning on the Tea Matters.

Nov 25. Thanksgiving — Mr Walter read prayers & preached a most charming Sermon Suitable to this Order of Government from the 92<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Verses.

Nov 27. This day is my Birthday — I am fifty eight years old — I am at present very hearty & strong — but in my knees — Rather Feeble. I bless God for all his Mercies to me.

Nov 28. Sunday — This morning was Bro<sup>t</sup> me a threatening letter Signed Determined which is on File — This agitated my mind & I did not go to Church — Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall arr'd fr. London — Great Noise ab<sup>t</sup> the Tea on board Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall.

Nov 29. This morning there were Papers stuck up to the following Purpose “Friends, Brethren, Countrymen! “That worst of Plagues The Detestable Tea, ship’d for this Port by the East India Company is now arriv’d in this harbour, the Hour of Destruction or manly Opposition to the Machinations of Tyranny Stares you in the Face: every Friend to his Country to himself & to Posterity is now called upon to meet at Fanewill Hall at nine of Clock this Day (at which time the Bells will begin to Ring) to make a United & Successful Resistance to this last worst & most Destructive Measure of Administration.”

Boston Nov<sup>r</sup> 29, 1773.



In consequence of the above notification about one thousand People met at Faneuill Hall where they past a Vote that they would at all events Return this Tea—from Faneuill Hall they adjourn'd to the Old South Meeting. Afternoon they met again & adjourn'd until the morning—there were in the meeting this afternoon ab<sup>o</sup> Twenty five hundred People as near as I could guess.

Nov 30. The Body met again this morning. The Gov<sup>r</sup> sent them a message advising them to depart on their Perill—they took but little notice of the message—they met again this afternoon. I told them that I had purchased a Cargo for Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce' Ship, that it was on the wharff & that Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce when he arrived would apply to the Body & that I would endeavour to prevail on him to act with Reason in this Affair & that I was very sorry he had any Tea on Board—& which is very True for it hath given me great Uneasiness. I staid some time at the Meeting & was Chose a Committee Man much against my will but I dare not say a word. After Dinner I was sent for by the Body by Two Messengers John Ingersoll & Jos. Eyres. This was at the motion of M<sup>r</sup> Hancock. I wish he had Omitted it.

Dec 1. Met the Committee, present Sam Adams, J<sup>no</sup> Hancock, Jonathan Williams & myself.

Dec 2. Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce arriv'd this morning from London.

Dec 3. This morning Cap<sup>t</sup> Bruce & I were sent for by the Committee Relative the Tea on board



him they ordered him to Griffins Wharff & gave him the same Directions as to Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall.

Dec 6. Spent the evening at Col. Ingersoll's with "The Five Club" Present, Dr W<sup>m</sup> Loyd, M<sup>r</sup> Geo Bethune, M<sup>r</sup> Timo Fitch, M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Flucker, M<sup>r</sup> Treas. Gray, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston, Colo. Solomon Davis, M<sup>r</sup> Melabiah Bourn, myself & M<sup>r</sup> Inman. M<sup>r</sup> John Brown Voted a member. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Morehead was buried this afternoon his Bearers were, Dr Pemberton, Dr Elliot, M<sup>r</sup> Bacon, Dr Mather, M<sup>r</sup> Stillman, M<sup>r</sup> Lathrop. A Great Concourse of People attended this Funeral.

Dec 7. Afternoon I attended the Funeral of M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Jenkins he being a Brother was Buried in Form, the Masons of the Several Lodges walking in Procession with their Jewels & White Aprons. I was Pallholder with Bro. Price, Bro. Warren, Bro. Box, Bro. Cutler & Bro. McNeal.

Dec 8. Cap<sup>t</sup> Coffin arrived in Nantasket Road with the Small Pox & part of the Tea.

Dec 11. This forenoon a Committee was sent to me ab<sup>o</sup> Bruce's Ship, Dr Warren, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, John Potts, to know when she would be unloaded & many other Questions.

Dec 14. The Body of the people met at Dr Sewall's meeting.

Dec 15. An acc<sup>t</sup> came this evening that Young Cap<sup>t</sup> Loring was cast away on the Back of Cape Cod last Friday.

Dec 16. I being a little Unwell staid at home all Day & all the evening. The Body meeting in

the Forenoon adjourn'd until afternoon. Broke up / at Dark. Several Things passed between M<sup>r</sup> Rotch & them. A number of People appearing in Indian Dresses went on board the three Ships Hall, Bruce & Coffin, they opened the Hatches, hoisted out the Tea & flung it overboard — this might I believe have been prevented. I am sincerely sorry for the Event. Tis said near two thousand People were present at this affair.

Dec 17. I am still unwell & staid at home all day. My New Ship, the Montague, was launched this day at Walker's Yard.

Dec 18. Miss Betty Inches was buried this afternoon. The affair of Destroying the Tea makes Great Noise in the Town. Tis a Disastrous Affair & some People are much Alarmed. I can truly say, I know nothing of the Matter nor who were concerned in it. I would rather have lost five hundred Guineas than Bruce should have taken any of this Tea on board his Ship.

Dec 20. My nephew Jack came to Town from Salem this afternoon.

Dec 25. Christmas Day. I went to Church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a most excellent sermon. We collected in old tenor £400-8/ for the Benefit of the Poor.

Dec 26. Exceeding windy & stormy — its Blown down many Turrets & done Damage among the Shipping at Long Wharff & Tillstons & Blown off the Tiles from my house.

Dec 27. St John's Day. I dined at Colo. In-

gersoll's with the Brethren Free Masons under my Jurisdiction (Present 34)

Dec 31. The People of Charlestown collected what Tea they could find in The Town & burnt it in the View of a thousand Spectators. There was found in the House of One Withington of Dorchester about half a Chest of Tea — the People gathered together & took the Tea, Brought it into the Common of Boston & Burnt it this night about eleven of Clock This is supposed to be part of the Tea that was taken out of the Ships & floated over to Dorchester.

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Jan'y 7. I paid Admiral Montague a visit this morning & found him very Angry, I think without Reason, be that as it may if he is Angry he may be pleased again &c. I wish the Good Wishes of All Mankind — & should Esteem his Favour but as for his Business — that dont give me any Concern he has taken it away with<sup>n</sup> Just Cause.

Jan. 8. I met the Committee about the Lamps.

Jan 9. Cap' Hall sailed this day for London. Passengers Francis Rotch John Whitworth Billy Threer & Young & Willson.

Jan 15. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached a most Delightful Discourse & exceedingly well delivered.

Jan. 17. I dined at Childs' in Roxbury at the Peacock. The Inferior Court sat this day.

Jan. 19. I attended the Carpenter & Blacksmith

in marking out the places the Lamps are to be fixed.

Jan 20. This Forenoon the Selectmen & the Committee for the Lamps met at Faneuill Hall.

Present

#### SELECTMEN

John Scollay	Tho <sup>s</sup> Marshall
Saml Austin	Tim <sup>o</sup> Newall
Oliver Wendall	John Pitts

#### COMMITTEE

John Rowe	Henderson Inches
Benj <sup>n</sup> Austin	Tho <sup>s</sup> Gray
W <sup>m</sup> Phillips	Tho <sup>s</sup> Dawes

Eben Stores

We consulted on the method of lighting them & had a long Conference with M<sup>r</sup> Smith for that Purpose.

Jan 21. We Received Letters from Sucky this day by Cap<sup>t</sup> Agness who has been arr'd from London a month. rec'd letters from my Bro Jacob Rowe & M<sup>r</sup> Meredith from Quebec pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Huter McKneil who came over the Lakes.

Jan. 23. Sunday. Severe cold. The Ink Freezes as I write — very Bad Travelling — no Post in. I did not go abroad this forenoon. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & preached. M<sup>r</sup> Walter handled this Subject with Great Propriety & made a very Good Sermon. The People say that Last night was the Coldest of any for thirty years past — it froze all the way from the

South End down to Castle William, also almost the whole harbour.

Jan 24. A Little snow fell in the Night. Afternoon I drove M<sup>rs</sup> Foster Round the Little Square.

Jan 25. John Malcom having done some violence to a man with a Sword, enraged the Multitude that they took him & put him into a Cart, Tarr'd & feathered him — carrying thro' the principal Streets of This Town with a halter about him, from thence to the Gallows & Returned thro' the Main Street making Great Noise & Huzzaing. I did not see the numbers attending but tis supposed by the People that did, there were upwards of twelve hundred people — tis said that Malcom behaved with Great Fortitude & Resolution. This was looked upon by me & every Sober man as an act of outrageous Violence & when several of the Inhabitants applied to a particular Justice to Exert his Authority & suppress & they would support him in the execution of his Duty, he Refused. B. N.

Jan 26. A Great Concource of People were in Quest of the Infamous Richardson this night — they could not find him, very lucky for him.

Jan 27. The General Court met yesterday. The Governour's speech much admired.

Jan 28. I spent the Evening at Colo. Ingersoll's with the Brethren of the Several Lodges in Boston under my Direction, being on a very amiable & good Design so as to make the Fraternity more Uniform & Reputable. Present Myself G. M. Henry Price

P. G. M. Abram Savage S. G. W. Sam Fitch  
J. G. W. Tho<sup>s</sup> Brown G. Secretary John Box  
T. G. W. John Cutler P. G. W. (& thirty Brethren).

We adjourned to this day fortnight & chose a Committee to prepare a Draft.

Feb 1. I met the Lamp Committee this forenoon at the Selectmen's Room.

Feb 2. The Charitable Society meeting this evening. No person but Nat Greene & myself.

Feb 3. The General Court went thro' the Choice of Officers for the ensuing Year this Day. I met the Lamp Committee this forenoon.

Feb 7. I met the Lamp Committee this forenoon.

Feb. 8. The Judges of the Superior Court Returned their Answers to the House this day. Judge Trowbridge Judge Ropes, Judge Foster Hutchinson & Judge Cushing are willing to Receive their Salaries as Granted them by the General Court & relinquish their Grants from the Crown. The Chief Justice Peter Oliver Esq<sup>r</sup> has Received Part of his money as Salary granted him by the Crown already & will not Relinquish that Grant, therefore the House voted his Answer not satisfactory. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Cooper of this Town was yesterday Chosen President of the College.

Feb 10. The Corporation of the College at Cambridge met this forenoon in the Council Chamber to fix on Dr Cooper as their President but he refused accepting the Choice as President of that

College — to the great Joy & Satisfaction of his Parishioners.

Feb 11. I spent the Beginning of the evening at Colo. Ingersolls with the members of the Grand Lodge. Present Myself G. M. John Box P. G. W. Abram Savage S. G. W. Sam. Fitch J. G. W. Thomas Brown Grand Secretary, our Brother Brattle of Cambridge (& 25 Brethren).

The House of Assembly passed several Resolves against the Conduct of the Chief Justice Peter Oliver Esq which may be fully seen in the Fleets & Edes & Gills Papers — & tis my opinion they'l Repent of their Resolutions — they are in Direct Opposition to Government at home.

Feb. 15. The Superior Court met & adjourned untill this day week upon the Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Chief Justice Peter Oliver. I dined at home with the following Gent<sup>m</sup> Colo James Warren of Plymouth M<sup>r</sup> Nat. Graham of Charlestown Colo. William Tyng of Falmouth Casco Capt W<sup>m</sup> Heath of Roxbury Major David Ingersoll of G<sup>t</sup> Barrington M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams of Boston Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gardner of Cambridge also M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Geo Inman. After Dinner I took a ride with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe over the Neck. Very good sleighing.

Feb. 19. Yesterday the whole House presented in a Body a Remonstrance to the Gov<sup>r</sup> Relating to the Chief Justice M<sup>r</sup> Oliver.

Febry 21. M<sup>rs</sup> Hubbard buried this afternoon.

Feb. 22. This day the Superior Court adjourned too June which has given Great Uneasiness. Old M<sup>r</sup> Boylston buried this afternoon.



Feb 23. I dined at home with The Hon'ble John Hancock Esq. Major Joseph Hawley of Northampton, M<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> I. Paine of Taunton, M<sup>r</sup> John Pickering of Salem, Jedediah Prebble of Falm<sup>o</sup> Casco Bay, M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Lathrop of Plymouth The Hon'ble W<sup>m</sup> Sever of Kingston, M<sup>r</sup> Gorham of Charlestown M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Geo. Inman.

Feb 25. I spent the Evening at Colo. Ingersoll's with the Brethren of the Grand Lodge over special Matters.

Feb'y 27. Jack Clark his wife & Miss Curtiss are in Town fr<sup>e</sup> Providence.

Mar. 3. Last evening The Lamps were Lighted for the first time — they Burnt Tolerable Well.

His Honour the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour Andrew Oliver Esq died this morning — Anno Estatic 68.

Mar 5. M<sup>r</sup> Hancock delivered An Oration this day at Dr Sewalls Meeting house to the Greatest Number of People that ever met on the Occasion. I tryd to get in but could not. Some Gentlemen speak of the Oration with Great Applause.

Mar 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> Gorham arr'd in the Brigg Fortune from London having nine weeks Passage. Our Bell on Trinity got cracked this day.

Mar 7. This night an Exhibition was Put on M<sup>rs</sup> Clappam's Balcony which drew the attention of most of the Inhabitants.

Mar 8. Last evening The Tea Brought by Cap<sup>t</sup> Gorham in the Brigg Fortune was destroyed. This afternoon his Honour the Lieu<sup>t</sup> Governour An-

drew Oliver Esq was Buried as Follows. Colo. Hancock with his Company of Cadets & Colo. Erving with the officers of his Regim<sup>t</sup> preceded the Corps — Colo. Hancock's Comp<sup>y</sup> under Arms. The Bearers were — Judge Danforth, Judge Hutchinson, Treasurer Gray James Russell Esq, M<sup>r</sup> Secretary Flucker, Foster Hutchinson Esq. Then Followed the Family, next in order should have the Council & house of Assembly but thro some Blunder the Admirall & his Core followed the Family & Relations, next them Colo. Lesly of the 64 Regiment & his Core, then the Gentlemen of this & the Neighboring Towns which were very few. Then followed the Coaches & chariots amounting to Twenty, then the Chaises amounting to Ten. Minute Guns were fired from the S<sup>t</sup> Battery. Such a Concourse or rather Multitude of Spectators I never saw at any Funeral here before.

Thro some misunderstanding or Blunder the Gentlemen of the Councill did not attend this Funerall & very few of the House of Representatives. There was, after Colo. Hancock's Company had fired & the Funerall over, as the Relations were Returning, Some Rude Behaviour.

Mar 10. The Governour Prorogued the General Court yesterday to the 13<sup>th</sup> April next.

Mar 12. Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo. Davis & I had a few words ab<sup>o</sup> Trifles — he was wrong. I took him up a little too Quick. I am sorry, as I believe him honest but too Volatile.

Mar 13. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup>

Walter read prayers & preached a very Sensible Discourse & well delivered. Dr. John Green Lord Bishop of Lincoln treats on this Subject very delightfully in his Treatise under the Title of Improvement of the Mind.

Mar 14. Town Meeting this day.

Mar 15. Town Meeting again this day. I attended.

Mar 16. I spent the evening at Bro. Prince Lodge with him, Bro Salter, Bro Benj Jackson his Wardens (& 21 Brethren).

Mar 21. The Gentlemen of the Lamp Committee met this morning at Faneuill Hall.

Mar 22. I spent the evening at Faneuill with the Committee & a Number of Merchants.

Mar 24. The Committee ab<sup>t</sup> the Lamps met this morning. We finished our Drafts.

Mar 25. I attended the Committee for Filling up the Town Dock.

March 29. I had a Long Conversation with Tristram Dalton on the insurance affairs.

Mar 30. Town Meeting this morning. I was Chose Moderator. We delivered in Our Reports Respecting the erecting & fixing up the Lamps in the Town. Accepted. The Town agreed with Garvin Brown for the Clock on the South Meeting house.

Mar 31. This afternoon my Brother Jacob Rowe came to town from Quebeck.

Apr 3. After church the Gentlemen vestry met.

Apr 4. The Church Wardens Vestry & Proprietors of Trinity Church met this forenoon on affairs of the Church. Present, Myself, John Erving, Esq, James Boutineau, Dan. Hubbard, M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Green, W<sup>m</sup> Collin, James Perkins, Johnson Jackson, John Cutler, Richard Greene, Stephen Greenleaf, John Head, Daniel Crosby, M<sup>r</sup> And. Fane<sup>l</sup> Phillips M<sup>r</sup> Erving & M<sup>r</sup> Hubbard were Chose Wardens.

Apr 7. I met the Gent<sup>n</sup> Proprietors of Long Wharf at Colo. Ingersoll's. We did the Usual Business of the Meeting & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fleet Wharfinger for the ensuing year.

8 Aprill. I Rose early & went down to my Wharff & there had a Long Conversation with Admir<sup>r</sup> Montague. After Dinner I attended Town Meeting. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hood in M<sup>r</sup> Hancock's Ship sail'd yesterday for London.

10 Aprill. Bro Jacob & Little Jack gone to Cambridge. After Church a Vestry. Present M<sup>r</sup> Erving & M<sup>r</sup> Hubbard the Wardens, M<sup>r</sup> Boutman M<sup>r</sup> Geo Bethune M<sup>r</sup> Rufus Greene M<sup>r</sup> Johnson Jackson, M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Collin M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Simpson M<sup>r</sup> Henry Laughlin M<sup>r</sup> James Perkins M<sup>r</sup> John Cutler The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter myself.

11 Aprill. My Bro Jacob & Jack Rowe gone to Salem.

14 Aprill. M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Inman were God Father & God Mother for John Head's Child. Christened this afternoon.

Apr 15. The Famous Dr Latham who has been

at Salem innoculating came to Town last evening. My Brother Jacob got home this evening from Cape Ann.

Apr 17. After church M<sup>r</sup> Henry Knox & Miss Lucy Flucker paid us a visit.

Apr 18. This day the Admirall made his son George Montague Post & gave him the Command of the Foye in the Room of Cap<sup>t</sup> Jordan who has Liberty to go home. he also made old M<sup>r</sup> Thornborough Master & Commander. The Court Martial set this day to Try Lieu<sup>t</sup> Rogers on board the Active the Cap<sup>ts</sup> as Follows, Cap<sup>t</sup> Talbot of the Active President Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Simonds of the Captain, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jordan of the Foye Cap<sup>t</sup> Ayseough of the Swan & Cap<sup>t</sup> Geo. Montague of the Kingfisher. The Result we shall soon know. I dind at home with Dr Latham, Commodore Loring etc.

Apr 19. The Result of the Court Martial on Lieu<sup>t</sup> Rogers is Severe — he being Broke & Dismissed the Service. Cap<sup>t</sup> Folger arrivd from London in six weeks.

Apr 24. The Post, M<sup>r</sup> Peter Mumpford brings an acc<sup>t</sup> that the Tea Ship is arr'd from Antigua to New York last Monday at Sandy Hook. The Swan Man of War Cap<sup>t</sup> Ayseough sailed from hence this morning for New York.

Apr 28. I met the Committee ab<sup>o</sup> the Granary. Present M<sup>r</sup> Ezeck<sup>l</sup> Golphwait, Ed<sup>wd</sup> Payne W<sup>m</sup> Whitwell & myself. M<sup>r</sup> Thos. Lee paid me a visit.

Apr 29. The Committee on the Affair of the Granary met this morning. We were attended by

Col<sup>o</sup> Leverett & M<sup>r</sup> David Jeffries Mess<sup>rs</sup> Willders paid me a visit this morning.

Apr 30. After Dinner came to our house M<sup>r</sup> Willson a Gentleman from Sheffield in Yorkshire who has been taken in Grossly by Edm<sup>d</sup> Quincy. This evening the York Paper Brings an account of the Destruction of Eighteen Boxes of Tea belonging to Cap<sup>t</sup> Chambers.

May 3. My Brother Jacob went to Cape Ann yesterday.

May 8. Letters from M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee pr. the Post that came by the Packet.

May 10. The Annual Town Meeting. the four old Representatives were Chosen, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, John Hancock, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing. they were almost unanimously chosen. The Harmony Cap<sup>t</sup> Shayler arrived from London & brings the Severest Act ever was Penned against the Town of Boston.

May 13. Town Meeting this day relating to the Distressing Situation of this Town occasioned by a Late Act of Parliament for Blocking up the Harbour of Boston which is & will be a Great Evill— at present there is no Describing the Circumstances. The Lively, Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Bishop is arrived this day & has Brought out Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage, our New Governour. God Grant his Instructions be not severe as I think him to be a Very Good Man.

This day I rec'd a Large Pacquet by Cap<sup>t</sup> Smith from Liverpool from the proprietors of Campo Bello, John Lyon, Walter Kerfoot, Roger Roger-son, Sam<sup>l</sup> Johnson, Rowland Hunter.

May 14. Spent most part of the Day with the Town Committee at the Representatives Room. Present, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, Myself, John Adams, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Henderson Inches, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux & Dr Warren.

15 May. After Church M<sup>r</sup> Robins Purser of the Lively, with M<sup>r</sup> McKim<sup>erly</sup> Master of the Lively and his wife & Child came to pay us a visit, they being Recommended by Cap<sup>t</sup> Ju<sup>n</sup> Linzee & Sucky.

May 16. I spent Both parts of the Day with the Towns Committee at the Town House. Present, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, John Adams, Josiah Quincy jun<sup>r</sup>, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Henderson Inches, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, Myself. Cap<sup>t</sup> Hall arr'd from London — in him came Passengers. Our Assistant the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parker, M<sup>r</sup> Francis Rotch & M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Palfrey.

May 17. This morning Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage Our New Governour landed from the Castle after having breakfasted with Admiral Montague on board the Captain Man of Warr — he was saluted by the Castle & the Captain Man of Warr & Rec'd at the Long Wharf by Colo. Hancock's Company of Cadets. The Regiment was under arms in King street. The Company of Grenadiers made a good appearance. Cap<sup>t</sup> Paddock's Company of Artillery & Colo. Phipps Company of Guards were also under arms in King street. He came to the Town House, had his Commission Read by the Secretary & took the Usual Oaths — from thence he was escorted to Faneuill Hall where a good Dinner by



his Majesty's Council. There were but very few Gentlemen of the Town asked to dine there.

May 18. I waited on Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage this morning who Received me very Cordially. The Town met by adjournment this day. I was so Busy I could not attend.

May 21. On my way home I met with M<sup>r</sup> Willson who desired me to go to Henry Quincy's which I did, ab<sup>o</sup> his affairs & found he had been treated very Ill.

May 22. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read Prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached for the first Time from 123<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, 1<sup>st</sup> Verse. A sensible Good Discourse & very well delivered for his First Time of Preaching. After church Henry Knox & Lucy Flucker paid us a visit.

May 24. The Merchants met at the Town House on Business of Importance.

May 25. General Election. I attended & went to Meeting this morning. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Gad Hitchcock of Pembroke preached a high Discourse suitable to his Party fr Proverbs 29<sup>th</sup> v. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Following Gentlemen were Chose his Majesty's Council for the year ensuing.

FOR THE COLONY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY.

Sam <sup>l</sup> Danforth Esq	Benj Greenleaf Esq
John Erving “	Caleb Cushing “
James Bowdoin “	Sam <sup>l</sup> Phillips “
James Pitts “	Artemas Ward “
Sam <sup>l</sup> Dexter “	J <sup>no</sup> Winthrop “

*W <sup>m</sup> Phillips Esq	*Rich <sup>d</sup> Derby jun <sup>r</sup> Esq
*John Adams “	*Mich <sup>l</sup> Farley “
*James Prescott “	*Benj Austin “
*Tho <sup>s</sup> Donaldson “	*Morton Quincy “

## FOR THE LATE COLONY OF PLYMOUTH

James Otis,	Walter Spooner
W <sup>m</sup> Sever,	*Jeremiah Bowers Esq <sup>r</sup>

## FOR THE LATE PROVINCE OF MAINE

Jeremiah Prebble,	*Enoch Freeman Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jedediah Prebble,	

For Sagadahock — \*Benj<sup>m</sup> Chatbourne Esq<sup>r</sup>.

At Large — George Leonard jun<sup>r</sup> Esq. \*Jedediah Foster.

The Gentlemen with this (\*) mark were not of the Council last year. Before the Election of Counsellors Letters were Received from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Isaac Royall & James Gowan Esq<sup>rs</sup> Resigning their Seats at the Board. The List of Counsellors chosen yesterday being this day agreeable to the Direction of the Royal Charter presented to his Excellency the Governour — his Excellency was pleased to Consent to the Election of the Gentlemen aforementioned except, James Boudoin Esq, W<sup>m</sup> Phillips, Esq, Tho<sup>s</sup> Donaldson, Esq, Jeremiah Bowers, Sam<sup>l</sup> Dexter, John Adams, Michael Farley, Enoch Freeman, John Winthrop, James Prescott, Benj<sup>m</sup> Austin, Jedediah Foster.

May 29. The Kings Restoration. The Admirall has now Stationed all his Ships.

The Tartar behind the Castle. Cap<sup>t</sup> Meadows.

The Mercury in Nantasket. Capt M<sup>c</sup>Cartney

The Tamar at the Mouth of Broad Sound.  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Thornborough.

The Lively at the Channel of Gov<sup>n</sup> Island. Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Bishop.

The Magdalen at Point Shirley. Cap<sup>t</sup> Collins.

The Canceaux between the Two Ferrys, Winnis-  
simet & Charlestown. Capt. Mowat.

The Halifax at Winnissimmet. Cap<sup>t</sup> Heath.

The Captain between Long Wharf & Hancock's  
Wharf. The Flag Ship.

The St John Cap<sup>t</sup> Grant at —

May 30. I paid the General a visit this morning.  
Town Meeting. Nothing done but Harangue.

May 31. The Minerva Cap<sup>t</sup> Calahan is gone  
Below to take in Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson, his Son Elisha  
Hutchinson & his Daughter Miss Peggy Hutch-  
inson who are going Passengers as is Miss Polly  
Murray. My Bro<sup>r</sup>. & Jack Rowe gone to Salem.

June 1. This is the last day any Vessel can  
enter this Harbour until this Fatal Act of Parlia-  
ment is Repealed. Poor Unhappy Boston. God  
knows only thy wretched Fate. I see nothing but  
misery will attend thy Inhabitants.

June 2. I met the Gentlemen Merch<sup>ts</sup> at the  
West Side of the Court House in Boston. While  
wee were in the Meeting Cap<sup>t</sup> Williamson arrived at  
Marblehead from Bristoll & Brought with him An-  
other Act of Parliament for the Better Regulating  
The Province of the Massachusetts Bay which Act  
strikes the very Charter Granted to this Province

by King William & Queen Mary — & is, or will be, productive with many Evils to the advancement of this, his Majesty's Province & sour the minds of most of the Inhabitants thereof. I am afraid of the Consequences that this Act will Produce. I wish for Harmony & Peace between Great Britain Our Mother Country & the Colonies — but the Time is far off. The People have done amiss & no sober man can vindicate their Conduct but the Revenge of the Ministry is too severe.

June 3. Spent the evening at Deacon Jones' with the Following Merchants — John Amory, Jonathan Amory, Sam<sup>l</sup> Barrat, Henderson Inches, John Timmins, Eben<sup>r</sup> Storer, W<sup>m</sup> Whitwell, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, Henry Bromfield & myself. We adj<sup>d</sup> untill Monday eve'ng

June 6. Artillery Election. Brigg<sup>r</sup> Brattle did the Honours of the Day in the Absence of his Excellency Gov<sup>r</sup> Gage.

June 7. There was a Grand Ball at Salem last Evening as an Entertainment to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage, his Officers, the Commissioners of the Customs & many others.

June 8. The Committee of Merchants waited on Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage with their address.

Treas<sup>r</sup> Gray, Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray, J<sup>no</sup> Erving, Geo. Erving, Rich<sup>d</sup> Leechmere, John Timmins, Jos. Winslow, Frank Green, James Forest, James Anderson.

June 10. The Transports with the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment are arrived from Southampton this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson & M<sup>r</sup> Williams the Storekeeper are arrived in the Sally Schooner from Hallifax.

June 12. Afternoon I went to church. M<sup>r</sup> Weeks of Marblehead read Prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached from 4<sup>th</sup> Chap. Book of Exodus & 11<sup>th</sup> Verse. this was most sensible Discourse & extremely well delivered, being the Second Sermon M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached in Our Church since his arrival. After church I walked Round the Wharffs. tis impossible to describe the Distressed Situation of this Poor Town — not one Topsail Merchantman to be seen.

June 14. This is the Last day any vessel can depart this Harbour. Boston, thy Fate is very distressing! The Fourth Regiment landed this morning & pitched their Tents in the Common by the Pound — a number of Spectators to see them.

June 15. The forty third Regiment Landed this morning & pitched their Tents in the Common near the Workhouse on that Plain. This evening the Tradesmen of the Town met to Consult on the Distress of this Place. There were upwards of eight hundred at this meeting. they did nothing being much Divided in Sentiment.

June 16. I went this morning to see my kinsman Jacob Rowe who I found very Ill and very Dangerous. After dinner I spent an hour with J<sup>no</sup> Adams & Josiah Quincy Jun<sup>r</sup>.

June 17. A General Town Meeting this forenoon. they Chose Mee Moderator. I was much engaged & therefore did not accept. The People at present seem very averse to Accommodate Matters. I think they will Repent of their Behaviour, sooner or later. The Governour Dissolved the As-

sembly this day. The Gen<sup>l</sup> Court Chose a Committee of five to go to the General Congress — James Bowdoin, Jn<sup>o</sup> Adams, Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, The Speaker & M<sup>r</sup> Payne of Taunton.

June 19. I went to see Jacob Rowe at the North End who I found very ill.

June 21. My kinsman Jacob Rowe died last night between ten & eleven of Clock in a convulsion Fit — this morning I attended about his affairs.

June 22. Afternoon I attended the Funeral of my kinsman Jacob Rowe, he was buried under Trinity Church in my Tomb. One of the Transports with part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> on Board arrived here.

June 23. I began to mow our Pasture yesterday & this day.

June 27. Town Meeting, the Hall so full they adjourned to the Old South Meeting — the Debates were for & against the Committee of Correspondence very warm on both sides, it lasted all day & adjourned until tomorrow 10 of Clock. The Speakers in behalf of the Committee were Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, Dr Warren, W<sup>m</sup> Mollineux, Josiah Quincy jun<sup>r</sup>, Dr Young, Benj<sup>n</sup> Kent. The Speakers against the Behaviour of the Committee were Treas<sup>r</sup> Gray, Thos Gray, Sam<sup>l</sup> Elliot, Sam<sup>l</sup> Barrat, John Amory, Edw<sup>d</sup> Payne, Francis Greene, Ezeck<sup>l</sup> Golphwait.

June 28. The Town met again at the Old South Meeting. The Debates very warm on both sides — I think are wrong. I mean the Committee are wrong in the matter. The Merchants have taken up against them, they have in my Opinion exceeded

their Power & the Motion was Put that they should be dismissed. the Gentlemen that made & supported this Motion could not Obtain their Vote, the Majority were four to One against them. this affair will cause much evil one against the other. I wish for Peace in this Town I fear the Consequences. I dind at the Peacock on Turtle with (43 Ladies & Gentlemen) Wee spent the afternoon very agreeably & were very merry.

July 1. The Preston Man of Warr with Admirall Graves came into this harbour this day, as did several Transport Ships with the Remainder of the 5<sup>h</sup> & 38<sup>h</sup> Regiments on board. Lord Percy is with them.

July 4. The 38<sup>h</sup> Regiment Landed this day & pitched their Tents in the Common. I paid Admirall Montague a visit this morn<sup>g</sup>.

July 5. The 5<sup>h</sup> Regiment landed this day & pitched their Tents in the Common. Admiral Montague Lady & Miss Sophie Montague paid us a visit this morning & took leave of us being just on their departure for England.

July 6. M<sup>r</sup> Humphreys left my house this day & Major Clerk of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment went into it at 100 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> annum.

July 7. The Captain Man of Warr with the Admiral on board saluted Admirall Graves but the wind died away they did not sail. The Generall visited the Troops in the Common this Forenoon.

July 8. I heard of the Bad Behaviour of the People of Marlborough. its said that the Speak-



mans were Concerned, if it Proves so, they have not only behaved Ill but contrary to my Sentiments & forfeited my Regard in future for them.

July 9. Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Brown of my Brigg Sucky came to Town this evening from Salem. He arrivd there from London a few days ago.

July 10. I went to Church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Parker Read Prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Walter Preached. A very Good & Serious Discourse & well adapted to our Present Situation. Colo. Cleveland that commands the Train of Artillery came to Town from New York.

July 12. Last Night M<sup>rs</sup> Skinner Dyed, she was a Good Woman, much Lamented, a Great Loss to her Distressed Children being Ten in Number & most of them very Young. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dove arr'd from S<sup>o</sup> Carolina at Salem with Rice as a present from Sundry Gentlemen there for this Place.

July 13. Attended the Funerall of M<sup>rs</sup> Skinner & was a Bearer.

July 14. This Day a fast is Recommended by Some of the Ministers on Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Miserable Situation of this Town. I cannot Reconcile this measure & should much Rather the People would do Justice & Recommend the Payment for the Tea instead of losing a Day by fasting.

July 15. I called on Tho<sup>s</sup> Golthwait & went with him & David Duncan to Salem. Wee Breakfasted at Newall's Lynn. I did my Business at The Town of Salem. I dined with the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls' & his 14 Scholars. he Keeps them under strict or-

der & Decorum. After dinner I stoped at Flax Pond & caught Two dozen of Perch from the Rocks. I Returned to Town & found my Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe in a most melancholly & distressed Situation. She with M<sup>rs</sup> Inman had been to the Funeral of Gilb<sup>t</sup> Deblois Child & Returning home in the Carriage the Horses took Fright & Run away, oversett the Carriage, I Believe has Bruised them very much. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is so much frightened & so very much Overcome that she does not know the Event & at Present is in a very Dangerous State. Dr Lloyd & Dr Church attend her. I am in Good hopes she will soon mend. Our house is full of Visitors on the Occasion — twas very lucky I Returned this evening. M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, Dr Lloyd & M<sup>rs</sup> Gould stay all night. We are in Great Trouble & distress. God Grant she may be better in the morning.

July 16. My Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe I think is somewhat Better, tho' still very Ill, her Case is very hazardous. Dr Lloyd gives great attention to her — he is very good. My Friends are very kind & attentive to my Dear Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, I keep home all Day, I cannot leave her. Miss Patty Green watches with her tonight — at Ten of Clock the Doc<sup>r</sup> thinks she is Better, ab<sup>o</sup> six The Dr gave her some annodine Drops. She was before that very weak.

July 17. Dr. Lloyd thinks my Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe much better. She has had a tolerable night. I staid at home all day. Our house much Crowded with Company to see my Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe — this

afternoon she appears to Grow Better. M<sup>rs</sup> Cutler is kind & watches with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe this night.

July 18. I think M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe not so well this morning. She is very weak & Feeble altho' she seemed to sleep well to night. I staid at home all Day. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe continues very weak, altho' Dr Lloyd thinks her much better. I rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Letchmere dated this day giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Trollet's Death at Lancaster, also heard of my Old Friend Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Gerry of Marblehead being Dead. M<sup>rs</sup> Inman is so kind & obliging as to watch with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe tonight.

July 19. My Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is very weak this morning her Medicines are too Strong for her feeble Constitution. I think her still hazardous. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe much better this afternoon. Peggy Cragin watches too night.

July 20. This day is the Annual Commencement Day but the Distressed Situation of the Town & Province prevents it being kept Publick as usual. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe has had a Good Night & is Mending.

July 22. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe growing Better for which I & all her Friends Rejoice. I dined at home with her alone. She eat some Dinner with Appetite.

July 23. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe grows better by Degrees but slowly.

July 25. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe growing Better. After Dinner My Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob set out for Quebeck.

July 27. A Quarrel happened last night between some of the Towns People & some Officers of the Army. Town Meeting yesterday I did not attend.

July 29. Dr Lloyd & Dr White paid M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe a visit. Afternoon I went with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe over the Neck Round the Little Square.

July 30. After Breakfast I went again with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe in the Carriage over the Neck Round the Little Square.

Aug 7. The Scarborough Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> J. Chadds arr'd yesterday from England. She left Plym<sup>o</sup> the last Port. A letter from Sucky to M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe by M<sup>r</sup> Holt who is Lieu<sup>t</sup> of the Scarborough. The York Transports are arrived & the Regiment of Welsh Fusileers on board them. The Transports from Halifax with the 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment are also arr'd & the Tamar Sloop Cap<sup>t</sup> Thornborough, their Convoy.

Aug 8. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe growing better dayley. When I came to the Store I Found my Friend M<sup>r</sup> Meredith from Quebeck. My Friend Joe Jackson died this morning.

Aug 9. This morning the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment or Royal Welsh Fusileers Landed & encamped on Fort Hill — they made a very Good Appearance.

Ten of his Majesty's Council were Sworn in yesterday at Salem.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Oliver Esq Lieu<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> & President of the Council John Eving jun<sup>r</sup> Esq. James Boutineau Esq. Foster Hutchinson Esq. Harrison Gray Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Province Isaac Winslow Esq of Roxbury Joseph Lee Esq<sup>r</sup> of Cambridge Joshua Loring, Cap<sup>t</sup> in his Majesty's Navy. M<sup>r</sup> Pepperell of Roxbury, Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker Secretary of the Province.

Aug 10. The Artillery from New York landed this morning & encamped on the Common. I went to the Funerall of Joe Jackson & was a Bearer.

Aug 17. The following is a list of the Gentlemen appointed by his Majesty Capt Counsellors of this Province agreeable to the late Act of Parliament.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Oliver Lieut Gov<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Flucker Secretary of the Province.

Peter Oliver Chief Justice of the Province.

Foster Hutchinson Judge of the Superior Court.

Tho<sup>s</sup> Hutchinson " " " Inferior "

Harrison Gray, Treas<sup>r</sup> of the Province.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Danforth Esq Judge of Probate.

James Russell Import Officer.

Timothy Ruggles, A Salary from the Crown.

Jos. Lee Judge of the Inferior Court, Middlesex.

Will<sup>m</sup> Brown " " " Superior " .

Andrew Oliver " " " Inferior " Essex

Josiah Edson " " " " " Plym-

outh

Joshua Loring Cap<sup>t</sup> of his Majesty's Navy.

Jerry Powell Judge of the Inferior Court, York.

John Erving jun<sup>r</sup> Isaac Winslow, Israel Williams Geo Watson, Nat Ray Thomas, Timothy Woodbridge William Vassall, Joseph Green, Jam<sup>s</sup> Boutineau Rich<sup>d</sup> Letchmere, John Worthington Timothy Paine, W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell, Jo<sup>h</sup>m Simpson, John Murray,

Daniel Leonard, Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmer, Isaac Royall, Rob<sup>t</sup> Hooper, Abijah Willard, John Erving sen<sup>r</sup>.

Aug 21 A Vessel arrived from Falmouth at Marblehead brings advice of Gov<sup>r</sup> Hutchinson's arrival in England, having a short Passage from hence.

Aug 22. A Report that Daniel Leonard Esq one of the Counsellors at Taunton was obliged to leave the Town of Taunton. On Thursday last the following Gentlemen were sworn in his Majesty's Council & took the Oaths Requisite to Qualify them for their seats at the Council Board —

Samuel Danforth	Esq of Cambridge.
Peter Oliver	“ of Middleborough
Richard Letchmere	“ “ Boston
Jonathan Simpson	“ “ “
Josiah Edson	“ “ Bridgewater
Nath <sup>l</sup> Ray Thomas	“ “ Marshfield
Tim <sup>o</sup> Ruggles	“ “ Hardwicke
Tim <sup>o</sup> Paine	“ “ Worcester
Abijah Willard	“ “ Lancaster
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hutchinson jun <sup>r</sup>	“ “ Milton
John Murray	“ “ Rutland
Daniel Leonard	“ “ Taunton
Geo. Watson	“ “ Plymouth

Sept 1. This morning a Letter was picked up wrote by Gen<sup>l</sup> Brattle to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage & the Gen<sup>l</sup> in Consequence sent a Party of Two hundred men under the Command of Colo. Mattison & took the Gunpowder belonging to the Province from the Arsenal on Quarry Hill & brought it from thence

in the Transport Boats to the Castle. This Letter has exasperated the Country People against Brattle so that he now takes Refuge in Boston.

Sept 2. A Great Number of People from the Country are Collected at Waltham, Watertown & Cambridge Occasioned as tis Reported from the Behaviour of Gen<sup>l</sup> Brattle. The People seem to be Frightened & afraid of its Consequences. The General has Reinforced the Entrance at the Neck. Commissioner Hallowell has been Insulted in his way through Cambridge—he fled for shelter to this Town. This evening appeared a Flimsey Recantation from Gen<sup>l</sup> Brattle.

Sept 3. The People at Cambridge mostly dispersed & gone home The General sent four field pieces to Boston Neck.

Sept 4. This morning M<sup>r</sup> Parker read Prayers & Preached from 25<sup>th</sup> Chap. St. Matthew & 29<sup>th</sup> verse & afternoon from 65<sup>th</sup> Chap. St. Matthew & part of the 9<sup>th</sup> verse—both these Discourses were very Clever & much liked. Several Gentlemen of Distinction were at Our Church—Peter Oliver Esq Chief Justice, Judge Brown of Salem, Jon<sup>a</sup> Sewall Esq Attorney General, W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell Esq & a great many others too many to particularize.

Sept. 5. The Lively at her Moorings above Charlestown Ferry The Camceaux at her moorings in Gallows Bay.

Sept. 6. The Diligence, Schooner, Cap<sup>t</sup> Knight arrived from England with Dispatches for the Gen<sup>l</sup> & Admirrall. Seven sail of Transports sailed for



Quebeck & Three or more for New York & Philadelphia. John Inman goes to Salem this morning.

Sept. 7. The General has Doubled the Guards at the Neck & I believe designs to Fortify it.

Sept. 9. This morning a Soldier of the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment which had three times deserted was shot in the Common.

Sept. 10. The 59<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> came from Salem & encamped on the West Side of Boston Neck.

Sept. 14. Church Convention. I went to Chapel, Dr Caner Read Prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Serjeant of Cambridge preached a sensible Short Sermon on the Occasion. The General & his Aide de Camps, the Admirall & Lady & the Cap<sup>t</sup> of the Preston with the Navy Officers of the Day, The Commissioners, many of the Council the High Sheriff & many other Gentlemen & Ladies attended. This night some of the officers of the Navy came & spiked up the Guns of the North Battery. A Ridiculous Manœuvre.

Sept. 22. This day is the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession to the Throne. I went to the Councill Chamber with the Govern<sup>r</sup>, Admirall & many other Gentlemen to drink the King's Health & many other Loyal Toasts.

Oct. 2. Sunday. The Proprietors met after Church & gave Our Old Broken Bell to the Minister & Church Wardens of Norwitch Church in Connecticut.

Oct. 6. A Large Fire hap'ned at Salem last Night. Dr Whitaker's Meeting house & eighteen houses were Destroyed.

Oct. 11. A number of Deputys met at Concord this day. Capt Callahan arrivd from London at Salem. Severall Passengers among the Rest Geo. Inman.

Oct. 13. Cap<sup>t</sup> Wallace arrived this morning in the Rose, Man of Warr from Newfoundland & Brought Two Companys of the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment with him Cap<sup>t</sup> Sinclair & Cap<sup>t</sup> John McKay.

Oct 18. This day an Audacious Villain attacked Colo. Cleveland & Cap<sup>t</sup> Montrator Snapped Pistolls at Both of them & wounded Colo. Cleveland with his Own Ranger.

Oct 19. The Fellow that attacked Colo. Cleveland & Cap<sup>t</sup> Montrator was brought from Cambridge & Committed to our Goal — his name is Dyer.

Oct 22. M<sup>r</sup> Mollineaux died suddenly this morning.

Oct 23. Gen<sup>l</sup> Huddimand arr'd here from New York with the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment & part of the Royal Irish, the 18<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> this morning with some Officers of Distinction. There was a Vestry after Church ab<sup>o</sup> altering the Time of Morning Service & admitting the 59<sup>th</sup> Regiment to come to Church as also the 5<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>.

Oct 24. This afternoon Will<sup>m</sup> Mollineux was buried — he has been famous among the Sons of Liberty. Many Things are attributed to him & tis believed he was first Leader of Dirty Matters. A Great Concourse of People attended his Funeral — his Bearers were Old M<sup>r</sup> Erving, M<sup>r</sup> Jam<sup>s</sup> Bowdoin,

M<sup>r</sup> Pitts, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Boylston, Capt<sup>t</sup> John Bradford & M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Dennis.

Nov. 2. Yesterday Brother Box died.

Nov. 3. I attended the Funeral of Brother Box & was a Bearer together with James Pitts Esq, Dr Silv<sup>r</sup> Gardiner M<sup>r</sup> Chardon, M<sup>r</sup> Henderson Inches & M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Deblois. It was a handsome Funerall. The Free Masons walked in Proper Form.

Nov. 5. The pope made a Poor Appearance to Day. The people Behaved well. The Inscription was Unity & No Popery.

Nov. 9. Our Delegates Returned to Town from Philadelphia. I went to Salem this morning & did my Business there.

Nov. 15. The 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment & part of the Royal Irish landed this day & the Regim<sup>ts</sup> from the Common went in Barracks. Little Jack Rowe went to Salem yesterday with M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls.

Nov. 17. My Worthy Friend Tho<sup>s</sup> Gray Esq died at Hingham of the Wounds he Rec<sup>d</sup> from his Fall sometime Past — this day ab<sup>o</sup> Twelve oClock. Cap<sup>t</sup> Sheppard arrived from London & brings advice that the Parliament was dissolved & writs Issued for a New Parliament to meet the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Nov. 19. I attended the Funerall of my Worthy Friend Thos. Gray Esq<sup>r</sup>.

Nov. 27. This is my Birth Day & I am fifty nine years Old. I am Thank God pretty well in Health.

Dec. 4. Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown is just arrived from London at Salem in the Sucky

Dec. 5. I rose early this morning & went to Salem with M<sup>r</sup> Edw<sup>d</sup> Church & Duncan — we stop'd at Lynn at Newhalls & dined at Goodhew's Tavern, Salem. The Committee attended me ab<sup>o</sup> Browns Cargoe, after some Conversation we Settled the affair.

Dec. 6. Very Bad Travelling on the Salem Road.

Dec. 17. The Asia & Boyne, Men of Warr came this morning up against the Town & anchored between the Long Wharff & Hancock's. I attended the Funèral of M<sup>r</sup> Maturin, the Generall's Secretary.

The Procession as Follows

first part of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Under Arms

then the Band of Musick

then the Clergy — then the Corps

then the Generall & his Family

then the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment without Arms

then the Officers of the Army & afterwards the Gentlemen of the Town.

Dec 18. A Serjeant of the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment was buried this evening — he Being a Mason there were 152 Brethren followed the Corps & the whole 47<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup>

Dec 27. St John's Day. I celebrated the Feast at Colo. Ingersoll's with the Following Brethren  
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9 Jan'y. M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Inman gone to Marlborough.

10 Jan'y. Cap<sup>t</sup> Maltby of the Glasgow Man of Warr was try'd this day by a Court Martial on board the Somerset & suspended.

11 Jan'y. Jack Rowe went to M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls to School this day.

14 Jan'y. M<sup>r</sup> Lyell came to Town this day from Nantucket being Landed there out of a Brigg he Came in Passenger from London.

Jan'y 18. This being the Queens birthday it was Celebrated by Drinking their Majesty's Health at the Town house. The Picquet Guards from all the Regiments fired three vollies. The Castle & Batteries & all the Fleet Fired a Royal Salute. Geo Inman was taken ill this day & keeps his Chamber.

Jan 21. An Affray happened between the Officers & the Town House Watch last evening which makes Great Uneasiness in Town.

Jan 24. A Detachment from each Regim<sup>t</sup> went on board Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Graves & are bound to Marshfield under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ballfour of the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment in order to keep the People there Quiet & Peaceable. This morning also was a Court of Enquiry about the matter of the Affray between the officers & the Watchmen — the Court adjourned until tomorrow morning

Jan 27. This day the Smallpox was discovered at the House of John Barthlet the Taylor.

Jan 31. This day the King's Speech is come to Town from Marblehead in a Vessel of M<sup>r</sup> Ornes from Falmouth. he takes notice of the Behaviour of the Colonies & particularly this Province — his Remarks are very Just.

Feb'y 12. M<sup>r</sup> Lysle the Solicitor in the Customs died at M<sup>rs</sup> Arthur's.

Mar 6. This Day Dr Warren dl'd an oration at Dr Sewall's Meeting. I did not hear him.

March 8. Frank Johnnot died this morning.

Mar. 9. This morning a Country Fellow who had Bought a Gun from one of the Soldiers was punished by them in the Modern Taste of Tarring & Feathering & carried in a Cart through the main Streets of the Town.

Mar 15. This day an Oration was delivered by a Dirty Scoundrel from M<sup>rs</sup> Cordis' Balcony wherein many Characters were Unfairly Represented & much abused & mine among the Rest.

Mar 16. This day is kept by many People as a Publick Fast, which gives Great Umbrage to a Great Many People which do not pay any Regard to it & I think they are not Right because they say the Order does not originate under the Direction of Good Government, yet it can no harm.

Mar 17. This Being St Patrick's the officers in Number ab<sup>o</sup> Sixty walked in Procession with a Chosen Band of Musick to Kings Chapel where a Sermon was Preached by the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls.

They Returned in the same manner & Dined at Colo. Ingersoll's in King Street.

Mar 18. The Letters by the Jan'y Packet came to hand.

Mar 20. A Quarrel between W<sup>m</sup> Davis & Will<sup>m</sup> Bowes this day.

Mar 25. Afternoon the Generall sent for me to see a letter I received from Tho<sup>s</sup> Griffith.

April 3. Lieut Jackson of the 5<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>mt</sup> was buried this day.

April 16. After Dinner I went down Clark's Wharff to meet Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Sucky who arrived from Spithead & Falmouth in the Falcon Sloop. I brought them home & their little Son Sam<sup>l</sup> Hood Linzee.

April 17. Our house full of visitors all day.

April 19. Last night the Grenadiers & Light Companies belonging to the several Regiments in this Town were ferry'd over Charles River & landed on Phipps Farm in Cambridge from whence they Proceeded on their way to Concord, where they arrived early this day. On their march they had a Skirmish with some Country People at Lexington. The First Brigade commanded by Lord Percy with Two pieces of Artillery set off from this Town this morning about Ten of Clock as a Reinforcement which with the Grenadiers & Light Infantry made about eighteen hundred men. The People in the Country had notice of this movement early in the Night. Alarm Guns were fired thro' the Country & Expresses sent off to the Different Towns so that very early this



morning large Numbers from all Parts of the Country were Assembled. A General Battle ensued which from what I can learn was Supported with Great Spirit on both Sides & continued untill the Kings Troops got back to Charlestown which was near Sunset. Numbers are killed & wounded on Both Sides. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Cap<sup>t</sup> Collins in two Small Armed Vessels were ordered up Charles River to Bring off the Troops to Boston but Lord Percy & General Smith thought Proper to encamp on Bunker's Hill this Night — this Unhappy affair is a Shocking Introduction to all the Miseries of a Civil War.

April 20. The General sent some more Troops to Charlestown last night & this morning, so that Lord Percy & the Troops under his Command Returned to Town. This night some People ab<sup>o</sup> Two hundred Attacked Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee in the Armed Schooner a little Below Cambridge Bridge. he gave them a Warm Reception so that they thought proper to Retreat with the Loss of some men. 'Tis said many thousands of Country People are at Roxbury & in the neighborhood. The People in Town are alarmed & the entrenchments on Boston Neck double Guarded M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee din'd at the Admirall's.

April 21. The Reinforcement that was sent to Charlestown by the Gen<sup>l</sup> are Returned too & the 64<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> that was at the Castle are now in Boston Town House. All Business at an end & all Communication Stop'd between the Town & Country. No Fresh Provisions of any kind brought to this

market so that Boston is in a most Distressed Condition. This afternoon Several Gentlemen met with the Selectmen to Consult on Our Situation & chose a Committee to draft a Memorial to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gage — viz<sup>t</sup> — The Selectmen, James Bowdoin, Henderson Inches, Alex Hill, Edward Payne & Jos Barrett — they adjourn'd until tomorrow Ten of Clock.

April 22. The Same Company met & Reported upon which the Inhabitants were called together. After much Debate & some Amendments they Passed two Votes which were presented to the General by the same Committee & on delivery they asked the General to Grant their Prayer — he in some measure Complied but made some other Proposals. M<sup>r</sup> Nicholls sent Jack home last night & Broke up his School.

April 23. The Inhabitants met again this morning & after some Debate they came into the General's Measures — which was to deliver up their Arms to be deposited in the hands of the Select Men & such of the Inhabitants as had a mind to leave the Town might go with their Effects. This evening news was Brought that Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown was Stop'd at Charlestown in his way by the Country People.

April 24. I Rose very early & got away M<sup>r</sup> Nun, John Inman, M<sup>r</sup> Sparks, Tho<sup>s</sup> Knights, Jos. Taylor & John Head on board M<sup>r</sup> Sheriff's Sloop for Salem. Between one & Two Cap<sup>t</sup> Brown got to Town. I soon despatched him. This day the Inhabitants carried in their Arms. The number 2674

Geo Inman had two very Severe fits too night, I thought very dangerous.

April 26. John Inman is come to Town & tells me that my Brigg<sup>n</sup> Sucky sailed from Marblehead yesterday towards night — in her went the following Passengers Lieut Nun, M<sup>r</sup> Sparks, Jos. Taylor, Tho<sup>s</sup> Knight, John Headt, M<sup>r</sup> Sherlock, Young Paine of Worcester, M<sup>rs</sup> Brown & her Child. M<sup>r</sup> Sheriff sent upwards of 40 Sheep into Our Pastures this day.

April 27. The General has given Leave for All People to leave the Town that Choose with their Effects.

April 28. This day I apply'd to get a Pass to go out with my Effects but could not prevail.

April 30. I went to church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Parker read Prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Walter preached a very serious Discourse on Our Present Distressing Situation from the 7<sup>th</sup> Chap. Ecclesiastes & part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Verse "In the Day of Adversity, consider."

May 1. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee & Sucky & Little Sam<sup>l</sup> Hood sailed this morning in the Falcon Sloop.

May 2. The post is in. Bad News from New York. Dr W<sup>m</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Johnson & Colo. Wallcot are Come to Town on Special Business with the General from the Colony of Connecticut.

May 3. M<sup>r</sup> Inman went to the Lines to see M<sup>rs</sup> Inman — he had some Conversation with her.

May 5. The Inhabitants Flocking out of Town. Some Transports arrived from Halifax with four Companies of the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

May 10. William Vassall & all his Family, together with Tim<sup>o</sup> Fitch & family, Tho<sup>a</sup> Brattle & many others went off this morning.

May 17. About eight of Clock a Terrible Fire Broke Out in the Barracks on Treat's Wharf Occupied by the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment — it was Occasioned by Accident or rather from Great Carelessness — it destroyed 33 Stores on Dock Square. Mine was in Great Danger, I thought it so & therefore removed great part of my Effects from thence — it continued until half past One with Progress. The Officers Behaved very well. The Clothing of 4 Companies belonging to the 47<sup>th</sup> Regiment was burnt & some Fire Arms Lost.

May 18. The People in General very Busy in Collecting the Effects that were Saved out of the Fire.

May 21. A Party was sent under the Command of M<sup>r</sup> Jarvis of the 43<sup>rd</sup> to Grape Island to Bring off some Cattle & Hay, the Country People being very numerous kept a Brisk Fire on them so that they were Obliged to Return without Effecting their design. One Marine wounded. Two Transports from Deptford with Recruits & one with Marines from Plym<sup>o</sup> arrived this day.

May 24. Yesterday the Merlin Sloop of War, Cap<sup>t</sup> Duddington arr'd & Some Transports with Part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> & one Transport with Light Horse.

May 25. The Ceberus Man of War, Cap<sup>t</sup> Chad arrived from Spithead — in this Ship The Generals Bourgoyne, How & Clynton came Passengers.

May 28. A Continual Firing all night on Nortons Island between the Provincials & Marines & Sailors. Severall Marines & Sailors killed & wounded & tis supposed the Provincials lost many. The Diana Schooner, Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Graves, is Burnt.

May 29. Twenty Sheep & Lambs have been killed this night in my Pasture.

May 30. Last night the Country People Burnt one House & several Barns on Norton's Island — & the Dwelling House & Store this forenoon.

Our Two Girls Peggy & Becky went away this day.

(Vol. XII. of the Diary is missing and inside the cover of Vol. XIII. is written : —

“from June to Decemb<sup>r</sup> is mislaid or taken away out of My Store” )

Dec. 25. Christmas Day. M<sup>r</sup> Walter read prayers & M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached a very Good Sermon from 2<sup>d</sup> Chap. St Luke's Gospel & 14<sup>th</sup> Verse.

The money gathered for the Use of the Poor of this Church am<sup>t</sup> to Sixty Dollars.

Dec. 27. I dined at Home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee, M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee Little Sam<sup>l</sup> Hood who is two years old this day, M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Inman Geo Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Jack Rowe

Dec. 29. The Busy Body Acted tonight.

Dec. 30. Admiral Shouldham arrived in Nantasket Road in the Chatham, Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Rayner Several Ships with part of the 17<sup>th</sup> Regim<sup>t</sup> from Cork arrived in the harbour. The Sear-

borough Cap<sup>t</sup> Barclay & severall Transports are sailed today on a Secret Expedition.

Dec. 31. Thus endeth the Year 1775, a most fatal year for this Part of America.

The Niger, Mann of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Talbot is arrived in Nantasket Road & has brought the King's Speech dated the 26 October.

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7 Jany. Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee behav'd very cruelly to me. I shall not forget it.

12 Jan'y. I paid Adm<sup>l</sup> Shouldham a Visit this morning who is a Genteel man & Received me Politely. Dined at home with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Jack Rowe & Little Sammy

13 Jany. This morning a Soldier of the 59<sup>th</sup> Regm<sup>t</sup> was hang'd for Thieving

Jan. 17. I sold my Brigg, Bristol Packet to Cap<sup>t</sup> Grant this morning for £490 Ster'g Bill for acc<sup>t</sup> of 2 Gent<sup>l</sup> in London.

Jan. 18. M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee & George paid us a visit & took their Leave — perhaps Forever.

The Centurion, Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Brathwait arrived in Nantasket from England.

Jan. 19. The Julius Caesar sail'd for England In this Ship M<sup>rs</sup> Oliver & Family M<sup>rs</sup> Wentworth & some others went Passengers.

Jan. 20. This day The Falcon, Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee, sailed — he took with him M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee, Little Sam & Hannah. I sincerely wish their Prosperity & Hap-

piness. With the Falcon sailed the Mercury, in her Gen<sup>l</sup> Clynton is Passenger & M<sup>r</sup> Reeves the Gen<sup>l</sup><sup>rs</sup> Secretary Several Transports went with them with the Light Infantry of the 4<sup>th</sup> & 41<sup>th</sup> Regiment. They are Gone on some Expedition to the Southward.

Jan. 21. Some Good Person Put in M<sup>r</sup> Parker's hands, a Quantity of Provisions, Wood & Coals to be distributed for the Poor of Trinity Church.

Jan. 22. This evening The Tragedy Tamarlane to which was added the Blockade of Boston was performed at Faneuill Hall.

Jan. 24. Its Generally believed that Gen<sup>l</sup> Carleton has given Montgomery & Arnold a very severe Drubbing at Quebeck.

Jan. 25. Two Vessels are said to be taken this day in Our Bay & carried into Plymouth.

Feb. 1. The Preston Man of Warr, under sail. Also The Canceaux & Trident, Transport — in this Ship Sir W<sup>m</sup> Pepperell & Family were Passengers.

Feb. 2. Tis Reported that Cap<sup>t</sup> Dawson has destroyed the Schooner Privateer, Cap<sup>t</sup> Manley, that was fitted out at Plymouth — Admir<sup>l</sup> Graves left Nantasket this morning with his Fleet.

Feb. 4. Cap<sup>t</sup> George Montague of the Fewey, Man of Warr sent in a Sloop from Dartmouth Laden with Wood for Marblehead — very Acceptable.

Feb. 5. The Troops at Charlestown got four Cattle this morning which were sent out for a Decoy they lost one man & had another very much



Wounded Sir Henry Callder Commanded. M<sup>rs</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Gould much out of order.

Feb. 9. Tis Reported that Cap<sup>t</sup> Banks has hoisted the Broad Pendant on board the Renown Man of Warr.

Feb. 11. Some plan for an Expedition was projected last night, tis Supposed the Alteration of the Weather put a stop to it. M<sup>rs</sup> Gould continues very ill.

Feb. 14. This morning a party of the King's Troops burnt the Houses on Dorchester Neck & brought off seven prisoners.

Feb. 17. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dawson has brought in several prizes.

Feb. 23. Poor M<sup>rs</sup> Gould died this morning.

Feb. 24. Last Evening The Wonder of Wonders was acted & generally approved of. I waited on Gen<sup>l</sup> Howe this morning ab<sup>o</sup> Spooner & Church's affairs.

Feb'y 26. Attended the Funerall of Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Gould. Her Bearers were Dr Loyd Henry Laighton Greg. Townsend Eze<sup>k</sup> Golthwait Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard & James Perkins.

Mar. 1. Blows fresh. My Brigg Sucky went down in Order to Proceed to Oporto.

Mar. 3. This Night The People from the Battery at Phipps Farm threw Many Shells in Town which put the Inhabitants in great Fear & they have done Damage to many Houses Particularly Sherburn Fitch's Geo Erving's & Courtney's the Taylor

Mar 4. All the Preceding Night the Town had been fired at by the People with<sup>o</sup> from Every Quarter I dont hear of much Damage being done. The Guns from Cobler's Hill on Charlestown side have thrown their shot the farthest in Town, one of them struck Wheatley's in King's Street.

Mar 5. This morning wee Perceived a Battery Erected on the Hill on Dorchester Neck—this has alarmed us very much—ab<sup>o</sup> 12 the Generall sent off Six Regiments—perhaps this day or tomorrow determines the Fate of this truly distressed Place. All night Both sides kept a Continuall Fire. Six men of the 22<sup>nd</sup> are wounded in a house at the S<sup>o</sup> End. One Boy lost his Leg. A very Severe Storm it Blew down my Rail Fences Both sides the Front of the House.

Mar 6. This Morning the Country People has thrown a Strong Work—on another Place on the Neck at Dorchester Neck. Gen<sup>l</sup> Howe has ordered the Troops ashore again & tis now out of Doubt that Gen<sup>l</sup> Howe will leave this Town with his Troops &c—which has put The Inhabitants of this Town into Great Disorder, Confusion & much Distress. The Firing has ceased this day.

Mar 7. The Troops & Inhabitants very Busy in Getting all the Goods & Effects on board the Shipping in the Harbour—tis Impossible to describe the Distress of this Unfortunate Town. Gen<sup>l</sup> Robinson pd mee a Visit

Mar 8. My Situation has almost Distressed me. John Inman, Archy McNeil & Duncan are deter-

mined to Leave me. God send me Comfort in my Old Age. I try to do what Business I can but am Disappointed & nothing but Cruelty & Ingratitude falls to My Lot. I spend the Day & Evening with my Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Rich<sup>d</sup> Green & John Haskins

Mar 9. This day Gen<sup>l</sup> Robinson pressed the Ship Minerva into the Service — nothing but hurry & Confusion, every Person striving to get out of this Place. A Great Deal of Firing on both sides this night.

Mar 10. Cap<sup>t</sup> Dawson is Returned with Two Vessels — he has had a severe Brush with four Privateers. A Proclamation came out from Gen<sup>l</sup> Howe this day, a very severe one, on some People. John Inman went on board this day with his Wife — he has in his Possession three Watches of mine & sundry Pieces of Checks which were to be made into Shirts — Jos. Golthwait, M<sup>rs</sup> Winslow went on board — he has carried off Cap<sup>n</sup> Linzee's horse with<sup>o</sup> Paying for him.

Mar 11. This morning I Rose very early & very luckily went to my warehouse — when I came there I found M<sup>r</sup> Crian Brush with an Order & party from the Gen<sup>l</sup> who were just going to Break Open the Warehouse which I prevented by sending for the Keys & Opening the Doors. They took from me to the Value of Twenty Two hundred & Sixty Pounds Sterling according to the best Calculations I could make, in Linens, Checks, Cloths & Woolens. This Party behaved

very Insolently & with Great Rapacity & I am very well Convinced, exceeding their orders to a Great Degree. They stole many things & plundered my Store. Words cannot Describe it. This Party consisted of M<sup>r</sup> Blasswitch who was one of the Canceaux People, M<sup>r</sup> Brush, The provost M<sup>r</sup> Cunningham, a Refugee, M<sup>r</sup> Welsh the Provost Deputy — a man nam<sup>d</sup> Hill & ab<sup>o</sup> fifteen Soldiers with others. I Remained all day in the Store but could not hinder their Destruction of my Goods. This day I got a piece of Bread & one Draft of Flip. They are making the utmost Speed to get away & carrying Ammunition, Cannon & everything they can away, taking all things they meet with, never asking who is Owner or whose Property — making havock in every house & Destruction of all kinds of Furniture. There never was such Destruction & Outrage committed any day before this. Many other People have suffered the same Fate as wee, Particularly M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin, M<sup>r</sup> John Scollay, Cap<sup>t</sup> Partridge, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood, M<sup>r</sup> Cyrus Baldwin, The Widow Newman.

Mar 12. A Continual Fire from Both sides this night. They are hurrying off all their Provisions & destroying & mangling all Navigation, also Large Quantities of Salt & other things they heave into the Sea & scuttle the stores. The Inhabitants are greatly terrified & alarmed for Fear of Greater Evils when the Troops leave this distressed Place. I got Crean Brush<sup>t</sup> Rec<sup>t</sup> for the Goods taken from me but

dont expect much Good from it tho' several Gentlemen say they will be my Friends in this affair.

Mar. 13. The Confusion still continues & Plundering of Houses &c Increasing. Gen<sup>l</sup> Robinson paid me a visit & eat a morsel of Provisions together with Rich<sup>d</sup> Green, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Jack. The Sailors from the Ships have Broke open my stores on my wharff & plundered them. this was done at Noon this day. This morning a house was burnt at the North End, whether set on Fire on Purpose or from accident seems uncertain. A Considerable Number of Cannon fired in the night from Both Sides. The Country People throwing up more entrenchments &c on Dorchester Neck.

Mar 14. This night much damage has been done to Many houses & stores in this Town & many valuable articles stolen & Destroyed. Stole out of W<sup>m</sup> Perry's Store a Quantity of Tea, Rum & Sugar to the value of £120 Sterling. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Quincy's house broke & great Destruction. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Walter's, also the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Caner's & many others

Mar 15. This night my store on the Long Wharff broke open & almost a hhd of sugar & a hogshhead of ware stole. Twas expected The Troops would have embarked this night but they still Remain in Town — after dinner Cap<sup>t</sup> Haskins gave me Notice that several officers were in M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper's House committing Violence & breaking everything left. they Broke a Looking Glass over the Chimney which cost Twenty Guineas — such Barbarous Treatment is too much for the most Patient man to bear.

Mar 16. The Troops are getting everything in order to depart. My store on Long Wharff broke open again this night — the Behaviour of the Soldiers is too bad — tis almost Impossible to believe it. Two officers of the 5<sup>th</sup> came to me for Wine. they wanted to be Trusted, I refused them — since I have heard nothing only they Damined me & swore they would take it by Force. One of them nam'd Russell of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment, the Other I dont know.

Mar 17. St Patrick's. The Provincials are throwing up a Battery on Nook Hill on Dorchester Neck which has occasioned much Firing this night This morning the Troops evacuated the Town & went on board the Transports at & about Long Wharff. they sailed & got most part of them into King Road. About Noon Gen<sup>l</sup> Putnam & some Troops came into Town to the Great Joy of the Inhabitants that Remained behind.

Mar 18. The Town very quiet this night. Several of my Friends came to see me from the Country.

Mar 19. Numbers of People belonging to Boston are daily coming in. Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington & his Retinue were in Town yesterday, I did not hear of it otherwise should have paid my Respects & waited on him. This afternoon the King's Troops burnt the Blockhouse at the Castle & the Continental Troops are throwing up a Battery on Fort Hill — most all the Ships are gone from King Road into Nantasket Road.

Mar 20. They Burnt the Barracks & houses at the Castle this afternoon & destroyed everything they could on the Island & blew up the Fortifications all around it.

Mar 22. I dined at home with Gen<sup>l</sup> Putnam, Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene, M<sup>r</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes, M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & Jack after Dinner Colo. Gridley, M<sup>r</sup> Chase, Both M<sup>r</sup> Webbs & several other officers came to the house.

Mar 23. Some Fire below Nantasket Road I take it to be a Transport set on Fire to destroy her.

Mar 24. Afternoon I went to Church. M<sup>r</sup> Parker Read prayers & preached a very Good Sermon & considering the distressing Time a Good Many People at Church. A Transport was burnt last night in the Lighthouse Channel.

Mar 25. The Fleet still in Nantasket Road. A Great Many of the Ships in Nantasket sailed this afternoon.

Mar 26. I waited on Gen<sup>l</sup> Greene this morning with M<sup>r</sup> Baker ab<sup>o</sup> some Iron on my Wharff. After dinner I went with Mr. Parker & paid My Respects to Generall Washington who Received us very Politely.

Mar 27. This afternoon all the Fleet sailed from Nantasket Road but three which is supposed to be Men of Warr.

Mar 28. This day The General Court made a handsome Entertainment at Cap<sup>t</sup> Marston's that now lives in Colo. Ingersoll's house, for Gen<sup>l</sup>



Washington & the other Generalls of the United Colonies & the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Elliot preached at Dr. Chauncey's meeting a Sermon on the Occasion giving a History of what has hapind in Town during the Siege. I dined with Twenty four Gentlemen at Watermans Tavern in Roxbury all Free Masons by Invitation.

Mar 29. A Town Meeting this day at Dr. Champney's Meeting house. The old officers of the Town were chose. M<sup>r</sup> Thos Russell & his Brother paid me a Visit this afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Greene's wife came to Town.

Mar 31. I gave Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington an Invitation to dine who Returned me a very Polite Answer. Severall Regiments under orders to march to the Southward from Prospect & Winter Hills.

Apr 4. A Town Meeting this day at Dr. Champney's Meeting House. M<sup>r</sup> Kent Moderator. M<sup>r</sup> Parker slept in his house this night. He gives me £26-13-4 P Annum.

Apr 5. Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington & Lady & Family set Out Yesterday also Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates to the Southward. News of Jolly Allen being ashore at Cape Cod & Twenty six Other Passengers.

Apr 6. Cap<sup>t</sup> Manley is come to Town & brings the acc<sup>t</sup> of his Taking Crean Brush, W<sup>m</sup> Jackson & Seventy other Passengers in a Brigg bound with The Fleet. This Vessell tis said has Twenty five Thousand pounds Sterling on board in English Goods & other Merchandise —among the Prisoners is a Serjeant & 12 men of the King's Troops.

Apr 7. M<sup>rs</sup> Hooper came to Town. She is in a most Distressed Situation. The Proprietors of Trinity Church met after Church. Present Twelve Persons.

April 8. I attended the Church Meeting this morning & was Chose Warden with Dan<sup>l</sup> Hubbard. Afternoon I went by invitation of Brother Webb to attend the Funeral of the Remains of Dr. Warren & went accordingly to the Council Chamber with a Design to Attend & Walk in Procession with the Lodges under my Jurisdiction with our Proper Jewells & Cloathing but to my great mortification was very much Insulted by some furious & hot Persons with<sup>o</sup> the Least Provocation one of Brethren thought it most Prudent for me to Retire. I accordingly did so — this has caused some Uneasy Reflections in my mind as I am not Conscious to myself of doing anything Prejudicial to the Cause of America either by will or deed.

The Corps of Dr. Warren was Carried into Chapell Dr. Cooper prayed & M<sup>r</sup> Provoz Morton delivered an Oration on the Occasion. There was a handsome Procession of the Craft with Two Companies of Soldiers.

There is a Confirmation of Crean Brush & W<sup>m</sup> Jackson being taken & also my Negro Fellow Adam.

Apr 10. I attended the proprietors of Trinity Church this morning on M<sup>r</sup> Parker's affairs. I see M<sup>r</sup> Jos. Wentworth & had some Conversation with him ab<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Manley's Capture. My Worthy Friend

Benj Green was taken Out of this Troublesome World this afternoon.

Apr 12. This morning came an acc<sup>t</sup> of Brymers Brigg being taken in the Bay by some Whale Boats under the Command of Cap<sup>t</sup> Fletcher & carried into Hingham Tis said the vessel taken by Thatcher is very Valuable & belongs to Bristol. Crean Brush & W<sup>m</sup> Jackson are Brought to Boston.

Aprill 13. Martin Brimmer & M<sup>r</sup> Dalton of Newberry Port paid us a visit

Apr 14. I staid at home all Day Our Church shut up M<sup>r</sup> Parker gone to Newberry Port & M<sup>r</sup> Bass expected to Town who Disappointed him.

I had a long Conversation with M<sup>r</sup> Mumpford ab<sup>o</sup> my affairs at Newport.

Apr 17. Several People taken up this day & carried to Goal. Dr Whitworth, his Son, W<sup>m</sup> Perry one Edwards & others.

Apr 18. This morning The persons that were taken up were carried over to Dorchester & there examined by a Court appointed by the General Court for that Purpose they examined W<sup>m</sup> Perry & Edwards & ordered them to Goal the Rest they kept all night there. M<sup>rs</sup> Handing buried this afternoon. Her Bearers were Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin Henry Bromfield Tutthill Hubbard, Oliver Wendall & Deacon Stores.

Apr. 19. Dr. Whitworth examined this day & admitted to Bail.

Apr. 24. My Old Friend Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo Davis came to Town & pd me a visit.

May 1. My Dear Little Fellow & Kinsman Jack taken very ill.

May 2. The Justices are still sitting — Jack still unwell.

May 3. Dr Whitworth & Son Committed to Close Goal My Dear Little Jack very Ill.

May 4. Jack very Ill. Dr Lloyd is afraid of him. The Justices adjourned until Wednesday week.

May 7. Jack growing Better & I hope out of Danger. Severall Parties have been for Severall Days on Noddles Island throwing up Breastworks &c for a Fort.

May 8. This morning M<sup>r</sup> Hammonds Plough began to Plough up the Pasture. Two Briggs, one from Cork, the other from the Western Islands taken by Cap<sup>t</sup> Tucker in Manley's Schooner & carried into Lynn. Jack growing Better

May 15. This day the Justices met again as adjourned. they summoned Geo Lush, Dr Danforth, M<sup>r</sup> Prout & Hopestill Capan.

May 16. A poor Woman was found drown'd at the foot of the Common — a melancholly Spectacle. A daughter of M<sup>r</sup> Grant's.

May 17. This is a Fast Day appointed by the Continental Congress throughout the Colonies. This morning was Brought into this Harbour thro Point Shirley Gut a Large Ship loaded with Ordnance Stores — 1500 whole & 4 half Barrels Gunpowder, 1000 Stands of Arms, a large Quantity of Entrenching Tools & many other Stores — this Ves-

sell came last from Cork under the Direction & Con-  
voy of the Greyhound Man of Warr, Cap<sup>t</sup> Dixon —  
she was taken by Cap<sup>t</sup> Mugford in a Schooner from  
Beverly

May 21. Bad News from Quebeck. Some  
Boats from the Men of Warr in Nantasket Road at-  
tacked Cap<sup>t</sup> Mugford — they were obliged to quit her  
— Mr Mugford & another man was killed. tis sup-  
posed several were lost out of the Boats — one  
Marine found Dead & one Barge with Ten Oars

May 22. The Army from Quebeck is Retired  
from before it. the acc<sup>t</sup> Imperfect.

May 23. Town Meeting for the Choice of Rep-  
resentatives they Chose Twelve —

W <sup>m</sup> Phillips	J <sup>m</sup> Brown	Benj <sup>n</sup> Austin
W <sup>m</sup> Cooper	John Pitts	W <sup>m</sup> Powell
Oliver Wendall	Nat Appleton	Arnold Wells
David Jeffries	Jos. Gardner	Caleb Davis

May 24. They Chose two Representatives in the  
Room of Arnold Wells Esq & W<sup>m</sup> Powell viz<sup>t</sup>  
Henry Hill & Sam<sup>l</sup> Allen Otis. Din'd at home with  
M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman, M<sup>rs</sup> Forbes M<sup>r</sup> Rowe & Jack.

May 27. Town Meeting again this Morning.

May 28. Town Meeting again this Morning.

May 31. Jack went to M<sup>r</sup> Payson yesterday  
(Chelsea)

June 2. Tis said Dr Church came to Town last  
evening.

June 4. Dr Church was confined this evening.

June 8. One of the Men of Warr has Brought  
into Nantasket the Privateer Brigga<sup>n</sup> Yankey Hero

commanded by Cap<sup>t</sup> Tracey who Behaved very well. Some Privateers from Marblehead have Brought in a Ship from England with 95 Soldiers Cloathing & Provisions. Mostly Highlanders, Scotch.

June 9. One Ship from Jamaica Bro<sup>t</sup> into Dartmouth, another from thence into Cape Ann. Both of these Large Ships & Valuable.

June 11. A Flag of Truce went from Town on board the Renown,—M<sup>r</sup> White of Marblehead & M<sup>r</sup> Martin Brimmer. Comm<sup>o</sup> Banks treated them very Politely.

June 12. A hand Bill is sent about containing Interesting news from the Continental Army in Canada

June 14. An expedition went forward against the Ships in Nantasket Road — three separate Bodies are on Long Island. one on Pedruk's Island & another on Nantafket. they have driven the Ships from Nantafket Road. Comm<sup>o</sup> Banks its said Burnt the House on Georges Island the Lighthouse & the House on Lighthouse Island.

June 15. I have been very busy all this morning in finding out some Persons that have wickedly & Maliciously spread a false Report about me & have had them before Justice Hill & have got the first of them to Acknowledge it to be a lye & she hath signed a Declaration which I hope will Satisfy & Clear my Innocence.

June 17. Two Ships with Highlanders taken by the Privateers, among them is Colo. Campbell.

June 18. Another Ship with Highlanders taken.

June 22. The Continental affairs appear in Canada very unfavourable

June 23. There have been Twelve Sail of Ships in Our Bay this day, one of them is Judged to be a Frigate.

June 24. Thirteen Ships have been in the Bay again this day. they stand off & on & about four Leagues distance from the Light house.

June 25. I dined at Cap<sup>t</sup> Marstons with the Brethren of the Lodges under my Direction. Present 13. Bro. Marston gave us a Good Dinner. The Ships still in the Bay & plying from N<sup>o</sup> to S<sup>o</sup> as yesterday. The Highland officers & Soldiers are sent out of Town to Mendon Reading & Lunenburg.

June 29. No Sight of the Ships This morning.

July 7. Cap<sup>t</sup> Henry Johnson has sent in a Ship from Jamaica a Three Decker very Valuable & another from Antigua with Rum — 419 hogh'ds.

July 8. I attended the Committee ab<sup>o</sup> the Goods Retaken by Cap<sup>t</sup> Manly.

July 11. Young Shaw Brought Ten Indians from the Misimiche & St John's Tribe. they are come to negotiate some Business with the General Court & are the Head men of their Tribes. A Report in Town that Lord Howe has been spoke with — tis said his Designs are to settle the present Unhappy Disputes that subsist between G. Britain & the United Colonies.

July 13. I attended the Gentlemen Sufferers by Crean Brush Tis said by M<sup>r</sup> Mumpford the Post



that Independency was declared the 4<sup>th</sup> Instant at Philadelphia A Generall Inoculation in This Town for the Small Pox.

July 17. There is an acc<sup>t</sup> from New York of Two Men of Warr & some Tender being got up beyond the City. The Phoenix, Cap<sup>t</sup> Parker & Rose, Cap<sup>t</sup> Wallace.

July 18. This day Independency was Declared in Boston from the Balcony of the Council Chamber. A great Confusion in Town.

July 20. This Evening Advertisements were put up for the Inhabitants to meet on Monday next at Ten in the morning in the Common.

July 21. I went to Church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Parker omitted the petitions in the Liturgy for the King & Royal Family thinking it Prudent.

July 22. I Rose very early & went with M<sup>r</sup> Parker, Phillip Jarvis & Turner for Portsmouth. Wee stopt at Lynn at Newalls from thence wee Reached Danvers, we dined at Piemonts with Sam<sup>l</sup> Ruggles, his Bro<sup>r</sup> & John Lovell — from thence to Ipswitch wee Stop<sup>d</sup>ed at Treadwells from thence thro' Newberry & over the Ferry thro' Salisbury & to Hampton Falls. Wee put up at Sandburns, we supp<sup>d</sup> & slept there. This house I Recommend for Good. The People very Obliging. Wee were smoak<sup>d</sup> at Charlestown Ferry but passed at Newberry Bridge.

July 23. Wee Rose early, wee Breakfasted, wee set out from Sandburns. Wee went through Hampton & thro' North Hills from thence to

Greenland & from thence to Portsmouth. Wee put up at M<sup>r</sup> Slaver's — afternoon wee went to the store to look after Our Goods & went & visited the Man of Warr & several other Places — particularly the Fort. I have met many of my Old Acquaintances. Wee met Cap<sup>t</sup> Nat Douse on the Road this morning.

July 24. After Breakfast wee set about dividing our Goods & were very Diligent. I dined at Old Judge Parker's with him, his Son, the Sheriff his son, the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parker his Daughter M<sup>rs</sup> Hale, his Grand Daughter Miss Adams & Colo. Leveret.

July 25. We Rose & attended the Division of Our Goods wee were very Diligent — after Dinner the Claimants for their Goods Met M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth their Agent at Tilton's & discoursed about the further pursuit of this affair. M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth behaved well.

July 26. Wee set out from Portsmouth — wee reached Sandburn's — wee Breakfasted — wee set out from thence to Salisbury Point — wee crossed the Ferry — wee went to Tristran Dalton's Esq at Newberry Old Town — wee dined with him, M<sup>rs</sup> Dalton & Miss Becky Hooper. This Seat of Mr. Dalton's is most Delightfully situated & has the most Extensive Prospect I ever saw particularly of the River Merrimack & the Sea beyond Newberry Port & Hampton Beach. Wee set out from M<sup>r</sup> Daltons & stopt at M<sup>r</sup> Jackson's where wee met many Old Friends — from thence wee went thro Rowly & W Ipswitch. We

stopt at Treadwells — wee went from thence & called on Judge Lynds at Ipswitch Hamlet & from thence to Piemonts at Danvers — we supp'd spent the evening & slept there — a Good House.

July 27. Wee set out & Reached Newall at Lynn. Wee Breakfasted there & were Joyn'd by M<sup>r</sup> Brick of Dartmouth — wee set out from Newall's wee passed thro' Malden, Medford & Charlestown & got home ab<sup>o</sup> Ten of Clock, after a Pleasant Journey.

July 30. I dined at home with Cap<sup>t</sup> Annet who Runs in here & was taken in the Ship Queen of England belonging to my Friend Jos. Squires of Plymouth laden with Provisions for the Gen<sup>l</sup> How's Army

Primo Aug. This day is appointed by the Congress as a Fast to be Observed throughout the Colonies.

Aug 4. This is M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe's birth Day. She is this day 51 years old & very hearty & well.

Aug 5. Richard Green set out this morning for Brookfield for 4 Months Exile

James Perkins for 4 Months to Medfield

Nat Cary           "   "       "       "   Dedham

John Timmins   "   2       "       "   Waltham

Tho<sup>s</sup> Amory       "   2       "       "       "

W<sup>m</sup> Perry         "   4       "       "   Medfield

Nat Brinley      "   "       "       "   Framingham

Aug 9. A Ship Brought in Portsmouth from Tortola & another sent in here from the Granades both very valuable.

Aug 10. The Owners of the Goods met at the Royal Exchange this day.

Aug 11. After service M<sup>r</sup> Parker Read the Proclamation of Independence.

Aug 14. This day the Sons of Liberty kept the Remembrance of it at John Marston's in King's Street.

Aug 17. After Dinner M<sup>r</sup> Warner & I set out for Portsmouth over the Ferry, from thence to Newalls, Lynn, from thence to Piemonts.

Aug 18. Wee went through Beverly, Wenham Ipswich, from thence to Rowley — wee Stopt at Paysons, wee Reached Newberry Port, stopt at Davenport's & dined with M<sup>r</sup> Nat Tracey. We went to Church & heard M<sup>r</sup> Bass Preach — after Church I paid a visit to Colo Ingersoll & went over the Ferry thro' Salisbury, over the Line & Reached Sandburns at Hampton. Wee had the Pleasure of the Company of M<sup>r</sup> Ware president of the Councill who is a man of understanding.

Aug 19. Set out from Sandburns, wee stopt at Greenland at M<sup>r</sup> Fulsoms, from thence to Portsmouth. I paid a visit to several of my Friends particularly Mark Wentworth & his lady & M<sup>rs</sup> Fisher

Aug 20. We expected our Tryall this morning. put off untill tomorrow A Large Ship from the Bay of Honduras is sent in here.

Aug 21. This morning Our Tryall came on. after Dinner I attended the Court. Our Attorney M<sup>r</sup> Lovell deserves Praise & is a Gentleman of Merit

& so is M<sup>r</sup> Pickering who pleaded as Advocate for the Captors & Against us They had not time to finish & adjourn'd untill the morning.

Aug 22. Our Tryall came on again. The Cause was given to the Jury by Dr Brackett who is Judge of Admiralty. This afternoon the Jury Brought in their Verdict in Our Favour — viz<sup>t</sup> that the Capture was not within the Act & that the Claimants ought to have their Goods Restored. This Verdict is disliked by Cap<sup>t</sup> Manly &c & therefore he intends to move for an Appeal. I dined at my Worthy Friend Mark Wentworth's.

Aug 23. I with the Rest of the Claimants have try'd to settle this affair with the Agent & Cap<sup>t</sup> Manly but to no Purpose

Aug 26. Yesterday was our Wedding Day — we have been married thirty Three Years.

Aug. 28. M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams & Colo. Whipple of Portsmouth came to Town from Philadelphia this morning. The Claimants met this Forenoon. they chose a Committee to Report their Cause to Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Esq — Myself, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Austin Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Partridge.

Aug 31. The post says that General Howe has landed some of his Troops on Long Island near Flat Bush & that some Skirmishes had taken Place.

Sept 4. Jack Rowe went to Chelsea this morning.

Sept 5. I attended the Court of Admiralty in Boston Judge Pickering Severall skirmishes be-

tween the Two Armies at Long Island. Lord Sterling & Gen<sup>l</sup> Sullivan are missing.

Sept 7. Tis said the Continental Troops have left Long Island.

Sept 8. Several West India men carried into Providence by the Continental vesssels.

Sept 14. Tis said by the Post, M<sup>r</sup> Mumpford, that the Continentals have appointed three Gentlemen from their Body to hold Conference with Lord Howe & his Brother Generall Howe, viz<sup>t</sup>

Benj<sup>n</sup> Franklynn Esq Philadelphia

M<sup>r</sup> Rutledge of S<sup>o</sup> Carolina

M<sup>r</sup> John Adams of Massachusetts Bay in New England Braintree.

Sept 17. Yesterday the Independent Company made their appearance in the Common under the Command of Colo. Jackson & were Reviewed by some of the Council & Gen<sup>l</sup> Ward & a Number of other Gentlemen

Sept 20. The Continental Troops evacuated New York on Sunday

Sept 21. The Post confirms the account of the Army evacuating the City of New York.

Sept 24. Went to Watertown with Cap<sup>t</sup> Jos. Cunningham, M<sup>r</sup> Parker & M<sup>r</sup> Warner. I had some Business with the Council I dined at M<sup>rs</sup> Coolidge's with twelve Gentlemen Very Bad News from Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington. The Connecticut Militia behaved very badly & much to their Discredit in an action that hap<sup>n</sup>ed at harlem in New York the 16<sup>th</sup> Instant.

Sept 25. Rob<sup>t</sup> Temple is come to Town by him we hear from Geo Inman Cap<sup>t</sup> Linzee M<sup>rs</sup> Linzee

Sept 29. People from New York bring Acc<sup>ts</sup> of One third part of that City being destroy'd by Fire on Fryday night the 20<sup>th</sup> September — tis not yet ascertained how it hap'ned

Oct 4. A Ship with Light Horse on board is sent into Salem by Cap<sup>t</sup> Lowter

Oct 6. I sent my Old Mare to M<sup>r</sup> Beals Pasture yesterday.

Oct 13. A valuable prize is sent into Casco Bay by Cap<sup>t</sup> Lee out of Newberry Port.

Oct 15. The Post says that three Men of Warr & some tenders are passed by Fort Washington having taken severall Gallies on their Way.

Oct 24. Tis said the King's Troops have landed at Frogs Point near Westchester.

Oct 27. Sunday. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parker was Published this day to Miss Nancy Cutler for the first Time.

Nov 4. A very valuable prize brought in here bound from London to Hallifax

Nov. 17. Turner came from Portsmouth & Brought three Waggon Loads of Goods with him. I went to Church this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached. A good sermon & suitable to the Solemnity of the Occasion — being Sacrament Day.

(Vol. XIV. of the Diary from Nov. 18, 1776, to Aug. 13, 1778, is missing.)



1778

Aug 13. An English Fleet appear'd off Rhode Island. The French Admiral Count D'Estang is gone in Quest of them this hap'ned on Tuesday.

Aug 14. M<sup>r</sup> Payson Brought Jack home this morning—a sad accident hap'ned unto him. Some Boys were out a Shooting one of them named Barthlet's Gun went off accidentally & shot Jack thro' his Coat & Lodged at Least thirty shot in his Right Arm — tis a Great Mercy he escaped with Life.

Aug 15. Great Damages in the Country & Town by the late Storm especially to the Corn, Fruit & Apples. Count D'Estang's Fleet not Returned this morning.

Aug 17. This is M<sup>r</sup> Parker's birth Day, he being now 33 years old.

Aug 20. This day Count D'Estang's Fleet Returned to their Station off Newport — tis said they have taken a Friggate & a Bombketch.

Aug 22. A French Man of Warr of 74 Guns is got into Nantasket having had a Brush with an English 64 Gun Ship. The French Captain is Wounded.

Aug 24. An acc' of Count D'Estang's Fleet leaving Newport harbour bound to Boston on Saturday last.

Aug 26. Gen<sup>l</sup> Hancock Returnd.

Aug 28. This morning the French fleet came

to an anchor in Nantasket Road Some of them dismasted.

Aug 30. The Count D'Estang came with his Retinue on Shore yesterday & dined with Gen<sup>l</sup> Hancock. Two Friggates seen in Our Bay this afternoon, supposed to be English

Aug 31. An Express from Plymouth this morning giving an acc<sup>t</sup> of a Fleet of Twenty Sails in our Bay. Several Prizes are arrived also Cap<sup>t</sup> Skimmer's Brigg from a Cruise — poor Skimmer was killed the 3<sup>rd</sup> this month in an Engagement with a Letter of Marque Brigg which they made a Prize of.

Primo Sept. The Fleet appearing again in Our Bay has alarmed the People that the whole of the Militia are Ordered under Arms. Gen<sup>l</sup> Sullivan & his whole Army have Retired from Rhode Island having had a smart engagement with the British troops there under the Command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Peggot.

Sept 2. Several People taken up & put on board the Prize Ship, Particularly M<sup>r</sup> Shirley & Cap<sup>t</sup> Callahan The Militia under arms again twice this day & a Constant Guard kept up. I met the Proprietors of Point Shirley this day. The French Admiral wants to be accommodated with the Houses for an Hospitall for his People upwards of 700 being sick of the Scurvey.

Sept 7. The English have sent a Party to Bedford & Burnt it on Saturday night together with the Shipping & Stores in that harbour. Jack Rowe went to Chelsea this morning.

Sept 10. I dined at home with the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Jery Powell President of Our Council & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

Sept 11. High Training this day. Gen<sup>l</sup> Hancock Treated the Council & all his officers, many other Gentlemen at Cap<sup>t</sup> Marston's. The Dinner was very Clever I dined there.

Sept 13. The Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr. Elliot dyed this morning, much lamented.

Sept. 20. M<sup>r</sup> Parker preached a very Serious & Good sermon — he mentioned the Character of that Good & Worthy man the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dr Elliot.

Sept 22. We have heard this Day from George Sucky & the Children who are well at New York.

Sept 23. The Count D'Estang with his officers &c made a Grand Appearance yesterday — they paid a visit to the General Court & were escorted by a Committee from Both Houses on their Landing at the Long Wharf.

Sept 25. The Count D'Estang dined with the Council & house this day

Sept 26. Count D'Estang din'd with Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath this day.

Oct 3. This afternoon I Purchased a pair of Horses.

Oct 6. I dined at home with the Chevalier DeBorde, Mons<sup>r</sup> Gondclose, Admiral's Secretary, M<sup>r</sup> Holker, Colo. Baddock & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. We have try'd our New Horses they prove very well.

Oct 13. Many Prizes arriv'd here at Salem & Newberry Port.

Oct 20. Colo. Revere Bro' me a Letter from

Sam<sup>l</sup> Gould who is arrived in a Cartell from New York. This morning my Negro Marcellus made his appearance in our Kitchen & a very Frightfull one it was.

Oct 24. I dined at M<sup>r</sup> Holkers — with him Cap<sup>t</sup> Landy of the Alliance, Cap<sup>t</sup> Ingersoll of the Dean, Colo. Adam Babcock M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing, M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushing jun<sup>r</sup>, General Warren & M<sup>r</sup> Martin Brimmer. M<sup>r</sup> Inman M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Haskins set out for Providence.

Oct 29. Gen<sup>l</sup> Hancock Invited all the Gentlemen of the French Fleet to a Grand Ball at Concert Hall. Many Gentlemen & Ladies of the Town were there & made a Good Appearance.

Oct 30. The Council with a Number of Other Gentlemen dined on board The Languedock, Count DEstang.

Nov 1st. My Negro Man Marcellus died this day.

Nov 5. The Count DEstang sailed yesterday from this Port. A Good Deal of Snow fell this day. This Evening came news that the Somerset Man of Warr was cast away on the back of Cape Cod.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates came to Town this day from Hartford.

Nov 7. The Brigg Peace & Harmony sail'd yesterday & return'd.

Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. M<sup>r</sup> Selby had a Collection this afternoon. it amounted £97. very handsome. I went to pay my Compliments to Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates this day.

Nov 10. M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Haskins returned from their Journey & spent the evening with us together with Betty Murray.

Nov 12. A Gentleman & an Indian came from Quebeck thro — the Eastern Country by Land & bro<sup>t</sup> me a letter from my Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob.

Nov 14. A great Number of the Somerset's Men are come to town from Cape Cod.

Nov 17. Town Meeting this day ab<sup>o</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Pepper & Young Francis Johnnot.

Nov 25. Wee had a Vestry this afternoon at M<sup>r</sup> Parkers.

Nov 29. A Seaman by name Herring belonging to Chagford in England came to our house & told me many things about my Relatives & Friends there, which pleased me.

Dec 3. I saw Dr Watson of the Somerset that was Cast away on the Back of Cape Cod. he is very much out of health

Dec 5. M<sup>r</sup> Sandford from Bedford brings us the Bad News of Our Brigg Peace & Harmony, Cap<sup>t</sup> Lawrence being taken & by Chance is got into Bedford.

Decem 7. Cap<sup>t</sup> Solo Davis & M<sup>r</sup> Warner Returned from Portsmouth having bought the Brigatine.

Dec. 9. Our New Brigg got ashore & overset coming round from Portsmouth, on the Devil's Back.

Dec. 19. A notification appeared yesterday at the Town House threatening some People which Bo<sup>t</sup> flour at Vendue.

Dec 25. Christmas Day. The Coldest morning as by the Thermometer for 40 years — a thin Congregation. The Collection for the Poor at our Church was £154.

Dec 26. A very heavy Storm of Snow all day — it has been colder for these last five Days than at any one time a Great many Years.

Dec 28. A Sermon was Preached this day by Mr Howard at the Old Brick at the Request of St Andrew's Lodge & the money Collected given to the Poor.

Dec 29. In a storm last Saturday four oxen, one man & one Horse were froze to Death on Boston Neck & Sunday other Persons in different Places.

Dec 31. The General Arnold Privateer is lost in the late Storm at Plymouth & upwards of eighty of the crew Perished also the General Starks Privateer at Nantucket & upwards of Twenty of their Crew Perished

## 1779

Jan 10. A very melancholly affair hap'nd last evening. Mr Benj<sup>n</sup> Andrews, a worthy Good Man Shot himself by mere accident.

Jan 13. A Town Meeting this morning. The Inhabitants of this Town are in Great Distress for want of Corn, Flour &c A Committee of Nine were Chosen to consult the best methods to be taken for their Immediate Relief. John Brown John Rowe

Tho<sup>s</sup> Malley W<sup>m</sup> Foster, W<sup>m</sup> Cooper Nat Appleton  
Nat Noyes Sam<sup>l</sup> Barrett & Tho<sup>s</sup> Wallace With  
Eze<sup>l</sup> Price.

Jan 16. Town Meeting again this morning. A  
Committee of Eighteen were Chosen to provide  
Corn, flour etc for the Poor & distressed Inhabi-  
tants of This Town. We met this afternoon &  
adjourned until Monday 11 of Clock.

Jan'y 18. I attended this morning the Com-  
mittee.

Jan 20. I attended Town Meeting this morn-  
ing. The calling in two emissions of money oc-  
casions much uneasiness.

Jan'y 27. Town meeting this morning. M<sup>rs</sup>  
Allyn Otis was buried this afternoon.

13 Feby. Jack Rowe came from Chelsea this  
morning.

16 Feb'y. M<sup>r</sup> Payson came to see me on Jack's  
affair. I am very uneasy about it. I din'd at  
M<sup>r</sup> Cottons by invitation of Colo. Badcock.

19 Feb'y. The Committee for purchasing Flour  
met this afternoon at Fanewill Hall.

21 Feb'y. A contribution at Church 643 Dolls  
John Temple's Child was Christened this afternoon  
by the name of Angela.

24 Feb'y. The Committee met this morning &  
apply'd to Government ab<sup>o</sup> the Distressed Situation  
of this Town.

27 Feb'y. I din'd at Col. Marstons by Invita-  
tion of the Sieur Duvaluais Consul of France  
with 54 Gentlemen The Committee sat all Day.



Primo Mar. Jack Rowe went to Chelsea. The Committee sat all day. The Gener<sup>l</sup> Court adjourn'd this Day.

Mar 5. Town Meeting this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Tudor d'ld an oration at the Old Brick Meeting — afternoon I attended the Committee.

Mar 6. I attended the Committee all this morning — a Considerable Skirmish in the Jerseys between a Party sent out from New York & Generall Maxwells the advantage in favour of Gen<sup>l</sup> Maxwell.

Mar 7. My store was broke open last night & a Considerable Quantity of Goods Stolen to the value of ab<sup>o</sup> Two Thousand Pounds as near as I can Guess.

Mar 8. Sam<sup>l</sup> Gould & James Liswall watched at my Store this Night. Annual Town Meeting.

10 March. Town Meeting all Day

12 March. M<sup>r</sup> Moore & his wife came yesterday to live at our house.

16 March. The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson paid us a visit this morning.

22 March. This is Sucky Linzee's birth Day 25 years old.

23 March. Colonel Badcock married to Miss Polly Hubbard this evening.

26 March. Many vessels Cast away in the late Storms & severall taken in the Bay.

27 March. The Committee met this morning.

Mar 29. The Thief taken up that stole my Sails & Committed.

April 6. Tuesday. I went to Church this morning & stood Sponsor for John Haskins Son — is named Ralph. The Charitable Society met at my house.

April 10. M<sup>r</sup> Parker's Child was Christened by the name Elizabeth. Sponsors M<sup>r</sup> Greenleaf, M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Amory.

Apr 16. The Continental Frigate Warren, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hopkins arrived in Port. She in Company with the Queen of France & Ranger have taken bound from New York to Georgia.

The Ship Jason, Cap <sup>t</sup> Potterfield	20 Guns	150 Men
Ship Maria	16 " & 84 "	
Privateer Schooner Hibernian	8 " & 45 "	

Briggs Patriot, Prince Frederick, Batchelor & Schooner — Transports — all Laden with Stores.

A Bonfire & Great Rejoicings on this Occasion.

May 1. I din'd at Martin Brimmers with him M<sup>rs</sup> Brimmer Herman & Andrew Brimmer Rich<sup>d</sup> Green & M<sup>r</sup> Inman.

May 5. This Day Town Meeting, the following Gentlemen were Chosen Representatives —

John Hancock Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams, Thomas Dawes, Tho<sup>s</sup> Walley, W<sup>m</sup> Tudor, Caleb Davis & Gustavus Fellows.

May 6. M<sup>r</sup> Van Ranslear paid me a Visit this morning.

May 26. Election Day. I went to Meeting this morning. M<sup>r</sup> Stillman preached. The Choice of Councillors not finished this evening.

Primo June. I dined at Stephen Cleverly's with

him, Miss Sally & Young Stephen Cleverly, M<sup>r</sup> Parker, Cap<sup>t</sup> Haskins & Rich<sup>d</sup> Green — they all went with M<sup>r</sup> Parker a Haymaking.

June 13. Sunday. After Church the Proprietors met — they voted our Church Vacated by M<sup>r</sup> Walter -- 12 Yeas 4 Nays

June 15. I began to mow my Pasture this morning Merchants Meeting

June 19. Merchants Meeting Dissolved. Every day this week my Time has been taken up with the Merchants part of the Hay got in.

June 20. Sunday. M<sup>r</sup> Parker was Chosen the Incumbent Minister of Trinity Church this afternoon. Voters Present 23.

June 22. Good News from the Southward. I got all my Hay in yesterday

June 24. St John's Day I dined at Deacon Jones with the Free Masons their Number 46. I spent the Day very Cheerfully.

June 29. The Caterpillars appear in Our Pasture & all over the Pastures in Boston.

July 2. The Caterpillars are most of them gone Out of the Pasture

July 8. Bad Accounts from New Haven in Connecticut State. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe din'd at Brush Hill.

July 9. Town Meeting this morning Sam<sup>l</sup> Adams Moderator Several Prizes arr'd yesterday at Salem & Marblehead.

July 11. Sunday. M<sup>r</sup> Parker Read the Address of Congress.

July 12. A Furious Press this morning to Man

the Fleet. The Delegates from the Trading Towns met this morning.

July 13. Bad Intelligence from Connecticut. I devoted my Whole Time this day with the Delegates fr. the Trading Towns.

July 15. A Body meeting this Day. Dr Rand before them & Examined. The Remainder of the Fleet got into Nantasket Road this day so that they are now Ready for Sea.

All knowledge of John Rowe's private life ends with the Diary.

He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1784, and the following entry is copied from the Journal of the House, March 17 of that year: —

“Mr Rowe moved the House that leave be given to hang up the representation of a Cod Fish in the room where the House sits, as a memorial of the importance of the Cod-Fishery to the welfare of the Commonwealth as had been used formerly. The said motion having been seconded, the question was put, and leave given for the purpose aforesaid.”

It is probable, though no positive record has been found, that, when in 1785 the town of Meryfield (my rye field) changed its name to Rowe, the change was made in honor of John Rowe. Tradition says that he promised to give the town a bell on that occasion, which promise was never fulfilled, perhaps because at that time there was nowhere to

hang the bell, and his death followed two years after. In Fleet's Almanack and Register for 1787 is the following: "J. Rowe Esq obt 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1787 Etat anæ — 72 — Gratitude demands a Tear."

#### ACTION OF GRAND LODGE ON JOHN ROWE'S DEATH

At a meeting of members of the Grand Lodge at Brother Sam Dunns house Feb 17, 1787

#### Present

R. W. Richard Gridly	D. G. M.
" John Cutler	S. G. W.
W. Nathaniel Patten	M. M. Lodge
" Charles Sigourney	G. S.
" Samuel Dunn	M. St (John's) Lodge
" Joseph Coolidge & Sam Gridly	Wardens
" Mungo Mackay	} Past G. Officers
Samuel Parkman	

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take hence our dear & well beloved Grand Master John Rowe Esq<sup>r</sup> the G. Lodge desirous of Manifesting their Respect & Affection for him agree to Attend his funeral in due form and that the several Lodges of this Town & Charlestown be Invited to Attend on the same sorrowful Occasion and

Voted that Wp Brother Cutler, Gardner & Patten be a Committee to wait on M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe to know if tis agreeable to her that The Free Masons walk in Procession at the funeral and Voted, That they together with Brother Price Mackay & Dunn be a

Committee to Arrange & Superintend the Funeral Procession.

Voted, That the Committee furnish Two doz Aprons Two dozen Pair Gloves which the Treasurer is directed to pay for.

NOTE FROM MRS JOHN ROWE TO GRAND  
LODGE

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & M<sup>r</sup> John Rowe (nephew) present their most respectful Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Cutler & the other Officers & Brethren of the Grand Lodge & beg them to accept their most grateful acknowledgements for their respect shown at the interment of M<sup>r</sup> Rowe their late Grand Master & to assure them they retain a grateful sense of Their attention to his memory. And as M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Rowe have not the pleasure of an acquaintance with the Masters & Officers of the other Lodges that attended at the funeral they beg the favour of M<sup>r</sup> Cutler that he will be so kind as to communicate to them in their names their particular thanks for the polite & respectful Behaviour shewn by the Brethren on this mournful occasion ; & they request that M<sup>r</sup> Cutler will do this in the manner he thinks most proper.

POND STREET 22<sup>ND</sup> Feb. 1787



ROWE ESTATE AT MILTON  
Bought from Gov. Belcher's Heirs in 1781





# EXTRACTS

FROM THE

## LETTER BOOK OF JOHN ROWE

SEPT 1759 — 1762 MAY

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TO M<sup>R</sup> JOHN AMIEL

BOSTON Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 1759

Sir

We have Rec'd sundry Letters from you Relating to Cap<sup>t</sup> Doggett's Voyage. Inclosed is the acc<sup>ts</sup> Relating to the same, pr Good Management there was but — old Tenor Sunk, besides the Goods we sent you, for your acc<sup>t</sup>. I hope you'll have Better Luck in Time to Come — especially as we have now a good Prospect. I refer you to the Bearer for News; at Present tis Uncertain whether Gen<sup>l</sup> Wolf will force the french to a Capitulation at Canada, if he dont all their whole Country will be Destroyed; both Upper & Lower Towns at Quebeck was Destroyd when the Last Vessell came away. The Consequence will be Worse to them than their Keeping Possession of their Inland Country. M<sup>r</sup> Amiel is well but Trollet has the Gout, all your friends here are Glad that you have so Good a Prospect before you. I hope your

friends will Continue their Business. Believe me that I will Continue your Real Friend

JOHN ROWE

TO DR THO<sup>s</sup> WOOD

BOSTON Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1759

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

I Received your favor of the 9<sup>th</sup> last month & note its Contents & find that you got your discharge from all your Debts by act of Insolvency in England; how far a Debt that was Contracted in the plantations, will take effect, by said Insolvency or take place. I leave you to Judge. . . . It seems that providence will again take place in y<sup>r</sup> favor & by your attention to Industrious application to Business you will have it in your power pretty soon to discharge your debts & pay your Creditors. I wish with you that happy period may arrive, as your disposition by your Letter, will operate in their behalf and be no doubt the Greatest Satisfaction to an Honest mind. dont take this as advice but only to Remind you that the money we lent you was, at that [time] a Good act of business to you, and that it had not the Expected design, it was not the Loss then Esteemd by you, and we are sorry the Event prov'd not so favorable to you, this we think is Just Reasoning & we Cannot help thinking we ought to stand the first in your thoughts—and no doubt you will be of our opinion and make us payment as soon as your ability will let you.

To be sure it will give us pleasure to see you & Congratulate you on your smiles of Fortune and as far as prudence directs, we shall on all Occasions be Ready to do you any Good Office. In the meantime we wish you the success of your Labours & Remain with Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup> Wood, Your very humble Servts

JOHN ROWE *for himself & Ralph Inman*

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1759

D<sup>r</sup> Brother

I had your letters of the 3<sup>d</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June to all which I gave answer. I hear fr Cap<sup>t</sup> Barthlett you are well at your station in the Camp & I hope you will make it worth your attention & when you have fixd with M<sup>r</sup> Goldthrop please to acquaint me. I Endeavored to get a Camp Bed to send but in short did not know where to send it nor where your situation was — as soon as you are fixt for the winter Quarters anything you wish for I'll Send you. I will send you two Quintails of the Best Fish to the Care of M<sup>r</sup> William Clark pr first Opportunity after this.

If you winter at Louisburg, let Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam : Mackay of Gen<sup>l</sup> Hobsons Regiment know you are my Brother, he writes me, I may expect Letters from M<sup>r</sup> Shay the Contractor, which I shall be glad off; if you have any acquaintance with him give my Compliments & tell him any of his Commands will be Executed with Great pleasure. . . . I send you

Inclosed the last Newspapers they are of no Consequence. Whether Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst will make any further progress at present seems very uncertain. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe M<sup>r</sup> Inman & wife are all well & wish you Success. no letters from the West of England since you went away — nor have I been yet able to examine or go to Cape Ann on your affairs but Intend it, as soon as the next Convoy for England is gone. I Remain

Y<sup>r</sup> affectionate brother

JOHN ROWE

My Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Goldthrop.

Boston Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1759

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sir

I have your favour of the 7<sup>th</sup> July last & thank you for your favouring me with Such Intelligence. I hope we shall be able to Maintain our Ground up the River & I doubt not, but M<sup>r</sup> Amherst goes forward, altogether Succeed — as soon as the Situation of my affairs will enable me, I will do the piece of Service you Requird which will take place before the departure of our fleet for England, meantime I Remain

Y<sup>r</sup> most hum. Servt

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1759To M<sup>r</sup> PHILIP CUYLER, NEW YORK

Sir

I have your favour of the 17<sup>th</sup> pr post — observe what M<sup>r</sup> Stillwell says, as yet I have no Letters, but whenever I see Cap<sup>t</sup> Stoddard depend ont I'll make him pay both them Fellows ballance of their Shares. If you had sent the Skins pr Wimble who arrivd yesterday they would have Sold Immediately no person has any in town but M<sup>r</sup> Rhoades & his are very Ordinary. I will speak to M<sup>r</sup> Trumbel this day for the frames you Order'd & also for the Riding Chaise which I Guess may be handsom for twenty five pounds York money, both these I will Get made with all Speed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Watts & Moss were unluckily taken pr a privateer mannd with Montreal French that came out of the Gut of Canso. I am very sorry for them, they have nothing Insured — they are both gone in two privateers fitted out at Hallifax, they write me they intend to go to the Head Quarters where these French Rascalls came from & Endeavor to at least get their own property. I wish them Success & think they stand a Tolerable Chance. I wish you Joy of the Glorious News Obtained by prince Ferdinand over the French near the Borders of Hanover. I refer you to prints for particulars tho they are not altogether compleat — this action hapen'd to be gain'd in the most Critical time & is more Consequence to our affairs than anything that has taken place this Ward, for had the french Succeeded all the Elec-

torates of Hanover Hessee etc would have remained in possession of them or destroy'd; wee are to have Great Rejoicings here on the Occasion & I wish we may have another Occasion on the Surrender of Quebeck. I remain Sir

Your very humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To M<sup>r</sup> PHILLIP CUYLER

BOSTON Jan<sup>y</sup> 5 1760

Sir

Inclos'd is bill lading for the Riding Chair I have got made for you pr M<sup>r</sup> Paddock, I wish it may get safe to your hands & prove to your Liking. I dont know the expense of it yet but I shall send it with the cost of the Frames which will come pr Wimble. . .

The bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis belongs to me & if you can do him any Services 'twill oblige me. I wish you the Compliments of the Season & am

Sir your Friend & humb<sup>l</sup>r Sev<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

To JAMES OTIS ESQ<sup>r</sup>

BOSTON Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1759

Sir

As you are going to plym<sup>o</sup> have taken the Liberty to Inclose you perez Tillson Acc<sup>t</sup> by which you'l see the Ballance in my favour is £387.9. Lawful money, this ought to have been discharged by him some years past. As I thought the money



in his hands was Secure have omitted urging payment, now I begin to doubt his ability, therefore by the favour you'll get as much as you Can & if possible security for the Remainder, which he can by no means think hard in me to Insist on, as the Time he has already had is too long . . . your prudence will direct you in what method to proceed; by Enquiring of your Brother M<sup>r</sup> Warren how his affairs stand & whatever you do will be Justify'd by

Sir your very hum<sup>l</sup> Servt

JOHN ROWE

P.S. Treasury notes will do as well as money.

Boston Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1759

TO CAP<sup>t</sup> EDW<sup>d</sup> CAHILL LONDON

Sir

As the french have Lost Quebeck & in Consequence of that Canada must fall, its now become the General Opinion that peace will take place, if you Continue your Resolution of seeing Boston & intend to keep in the London Trade I shall hold any part of a ship with you in comp<sup>y</sup> with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth. I think I have no Occasion to tell you that if there is any Oyl or freight going I have Interest enough to get it — pr this Convoy I have two Vessells, Namely Hunter I own all myself, any good offices you do him will be kindly Receiv'd, also the principal part of Dashwood & your good offices will also be acceptable to him.

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe has wrote you at Large & I dont know whether I am indebtcd or not for sundries sent M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe if I am you must call on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth for payment. I wish you all Imaginable Happiness & Remain

Yr assur'd friend

J. ROWE

BOSTON Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1759.

TO CAP<sup>T</sup> SAMUEL DASHWOOD

Sir

You have already Receiv'd Orders from Jno Rowe Relative to your proceeding in the Ship this is to tell you that pr Case you should miss of your Convoy (which you must at all events keep with if possible) & should be taken, you have our Liberty to Ransom the Vessell & Cargo for any sum short of Eighteen hundred pounds ster<sup>s</sup> & even that sum Rather than omit it, but no further & this shall be your Justification

from your friends

JOHN ROWE

JOS & WM ROTCH, *for*  
*Themselves & Timothy Folger.*

A copy of the above I have rec<sup>d</sup> which I promise to follow

SAM<sup>LL</sup> DASHWOOD

TO M<sup>R</sup> SAMUEL HORNER  
Sir

BOSTON, Jan'y 4<sup>th</sup> 1760

I wrote you pr Capt Binney advising that my Brother Rowe had Chartered his Vessell from New York to some port in Ireland & have now given a few lines to Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis who goes master (by the Desire of Brother Rowe) who writes you by same conveyance, to Desire you will Render him all the good offices in your power for the good of the Voyage & as you mention'd you Could give a Vessell freight to America she will be in good season for it provided the Master Thinks it will be preferable to a Load of Salt from Liverpool, who is to consult you upon it — what money you supply the Master with his Bills will be Honour'd & your good Service to him.

Shall be gratefully acknowledg'd by  
Your Esteem'd friend & Serv<sup>t</sup>

RALPH INMAN

BOSTON Jan'y 11<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO CAP<sup>T</sup> MICHAEL DALTON NEWBURY  
Sir

Upon Receipt of your Letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> I waited on Cap<sup>t</sup> Pryce who immediately got into a passion & produc'd a Letter from Admiral Saunders' Secretary Relating to Cap<sup>t</sup> Pryce' Cable & anchor, upon which I produced the Certificate, who swore he would not Receive it, upon which I went away — another interview much to same purpose & once more — nothing done.

This morning I went again, Cap<sup>t</sup> Gwynn hapn'd to be present & after some talk wee settled it & I hope to your approbation, he Insisted on the Cable to be value at 257 which Cap<sup>t</sup> Gwynn & [I] consented too & so tis settled & I have pd him as pr his Receipt 19.15.1<sup>ster</sup> When I came to pay him your Guineas he ask'd if they were weight. I told him they were the Guineas Rec<sup>d</sup> from you they hapen'd to prove very deficient, that set him a swearing again. Says he, "I'll be damnd if Dalton has not pickt up all the light Guineas he could find in Newbury &c"—however enough of this — on the Back of this stands a memorandum of what I pd & what I rec<sup>d</sup>. I assure you had it not been to have served you, he should not have made me run after him so often. I cannot at present secure a Certificate neither do I expect it, he seems very angry with Cap<sup>t</sup> Pike for telling him, as he says, Lies. I shall always endeavor to serve you but hope on no such occasion again

& Remain Sir

Yr Friend & very hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON 4 Feby 1769

TO M<sup>r</sup> DAVID VANHORNE AT NEW YORK

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

... As to the note of hand I Got of M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Brandon on your acc<sup>t</sup> it was George Mills note, which I have now in my Possession he is gone from

hence Sometime in the Service of the Government but at what place I cannot exactly tell, so that there is no hope of Getting any Mahogany Tables or Desks on acc<sup>t</sup> of that not till he Returns & I fear but Little or nothing when he does, he is very Poor has no Stock nor I believe any Tools, however I'll keep a look out for him — & get anything I can for you . . .

TO M<sup>RS</sup> MARY TOLCHER

BOSTON 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb'y 1760

Dear Sister

I wrote you sometime ago pr the purser of the Man of Warr who belongs to plymouth wherein I told you of my health & which thank God Continues. I also wish You Joy & happiness in your new State of Life which I hope your prudence will always Contribute too. As it pleas'd God to take our Dear parent from us & the house is now the property of us all, you seem desirous to know what is to be done with it. Brother Robins wrote me he could obtain a hundred pounds for it. I thought it so Inconsiderable a price, that I wrote him I would give that price or more for it & order'd my Friends in London to pay you three parts on a proper Deed being Executed to me & when compleated for Bro. Robins to take care of it on my acc<sup>t</sup> but I Confess I could not Imagine he had —— for it himself especially at that price, not that I care much about it but I Dont like this small price — nor will I part with my own or Bro<sup>r</sup>

Jacobs' which is now my property, the first Leisure I have I will write to Uncle Hawker my full sentiments about it. I think Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins might have answer'd my letter on this acc<sup>t</sup> pray give my love to him & Sister Robins. It will always give me pleasure to hear from you & every other Relative. shall Be Glad to know if uncle John is still alive. Brother Jacob is now at Quebeck & in Good Business being assistant to Daniel Weir Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissary General. Pray give my Compliments to your Husband & I remain with Esteem, Dear Sister, your very affectionate Brother.

BOSTON March 1<sup>st</sup> 1760

TO FRIEND CHRISTO HUSSEY AT NEWBURYPORT

I must desire you to Send me pr very first good opportunity, Two Quintals of the Largest & best fish you Can get, it is for a particular friend & I must beg your Care about it . . . please to tell your Bro<sup>r</sup> Obed that I have got M<sup>r</sup> Fitch to sign their Charter party which they Sent up & please to ask M<sup>r</sup> Barker & him how they come not to let me know that they had sent the old Sloop Hannah to the mount. I hear she is arriv'd there, but dont know whether she is Coming or not, so that if I had an Inclination to Insure my part, I am at a Loss about, if they had mentioned it t'woud have [been] more agreeable.

I Shall be glad to hear from you ab<sup>o</sup> this old Sloop whether She is coming direct back or not &

any Service I can do for you please to give notice  
to Y<sup>r</sup> Friend

JOHN ROWE

Callo, in my Snow is cast away Hunter Dash-  
wood Jacobson are arrivd & I believe the other  
Ships that went with that Convoy.

TO CAPT CAHILL

BOSTON Mar 3<sup>d</sup> 1760

Dear Sir

I Confirm the proceeding copy of my Last &  
have Nothing farther to say on that Head. M<sup>r</sup>  
Greens Snow is arriv'd, but Sherrard nor Bradford  
dont yet appear; be Kind Enough to purchase for  
me, a Book wrote pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Gardner Giving a par-  
ticular acc<sup>t</sup> of the expedition to Martinico & Gua-  
daloupe. all your friends here are Well.

I Remain

Dr Sir your very humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO COLO PREBLE

BOSTON March 17<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir,

I Rece'd your Letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> March & see the  
Indians have an Inclination to make terms of Peace,  
I dont know what directions you'l have from the  
Government but guess t'will be peaceable News for  
the Indians. I have sent the Articles you wrote  
for & shall at any time be glad to send any Articles



I have or you may want & any orders you send I will fullfill

I Remain Sir yr friend & very humb<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
to Command

JOHN ROWE

To M<sup>r</sup> PETER HUBBERT

BOSTON Mar 24<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

. . . . .  
P.S. We have had the Preceeding Week Such Terrible Fires: the News Paper will give you an acc<sup>t</sup>, the Last of which was very Terrible Indeed. Such Devastation in so short a Time was hardly ever known. I am a Sufferer among the Rest, but thank God, not so much as to Give mee any Uneasiness. it has Consum'd upwards of Two hundred Houses, Stores & Shops

BOSTON April 15<sup>th</sup> 1760

To M<sup>r</sup> PHILLIP CUYLER NEW YORK

Sir

I have your favour of the 31<sup>st</sup> March pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Wimble. As to the Frames they are not yet done, M<sup>r</sup> Cumber promises you shall not fail of them pr Return of Wimble. as to Tea it is now worth from a Dollar to 51. . . . The Calamity that has hapen'd to the Town by fire is very great. I lost some Goods at my Store at Oliver's Dock, but nothing of Consequence to make mee uneasy. This will be deliver'd you pr M<sup>r</sup> John Gould who

takes New York in his Way to England. Shall Esteem it a favour you make him free of your City.

I shall on all Occasion Shew you, I am

Sir, your very hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON April 21<sup>st</sup> 1760

Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob

I Rece'd your favour of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sept & 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Last, am very glad you have got into Business with M<sup>r</sup> Wyer. I wrote you many Letters pr Sundry Vessells that Return'd here again.

I would have put in hand a vessell for your place had I any Vessell of my own at home, but as I had not, did not care to charter any & I am much afraid the Gentleman that has order'd this Cargoe pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Cushion will not find his Acc<sup>t</sup> in it, There are at Least Thirty sail gone & going from hence & a Great Quantity from all other places on the Continent. I have sent you one Cask of oporto, one Cask of Lemons & one Barrell of W. I. Rum & I have wrote M<sup>r</sup> Wyer an answer to his Letter & offer'd him my Services here, I Cannot at present say Any Thing particular ab<sup>o</sup> your affairs as I have not been at Cape Ann, but as there will be Opportunity you shall hear — no news from the West of England, nor from London — we have had a Terrible Fire hapen'd at Boston in which I was a Sufferer at Oliver's Dock, the Newspapers will fully acquaint you the Situation of what was burnt, such

a Melancholy & Dismal Burning was never yet seen in any part of this Continent The wind blew very hard at North West and the Fury of the flames is beyond Conception ; I have been oblig'd to pay Quincy your Obligation ab<sup>o</sup> two months past I shall pay M<sup>r</sup> Webb & M<sup>r</sup> Beachum M<sup>r</sup> Sherburne & Jos. Rhodes are yet unpaid, why did you not mention these affairs I suppose you forgot it — as there will be opportunity now from Quebeck let me hear from you & I shall do you all the Service in my power ; the Bearer, Cap<sup>t</sup> Cushion, Cap<sup>t</sup> Forbes & myself have Chartered for Acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Ogilvy, if you can do Cushion any service t'will not be amiss.

I send the Coppy for Cap<sup>t</sup> Nickolls & Remain

Your very affectionate Brother

JOHN ROWE

TO CAP<sup>t</sup> CUSHING

BOSTON April 24<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

The Sloop Charming Molly which we have Charter'd, Being Ready to Sail, its Our desire you proceed immediately to Hallifax — you are then to apply to M<sup>r</sup> Jeremiah Condry Russell & take from him Such Goods as he shall put on board you & proceed Immediately to Quebeck and there Deliver your Cargoe to M<sup>r</sup> James Ogilvy Merch<sup>t</sup> There. If M<sup>r</sup> Russell should Be departed from Hallifax, you are then to proceed Immediately to Quebeck with<sup>o</sup> him & there deliver your Cargo to said M<sup>r</sup>

James Ogilvy & when you are unloaded, then you to follow such orders as you Receive from him for your proceedings afterwards.

We wish you a Good Voyage & am

Yrs Friends

JAM FORBES

JOHN ROWE

TO M<sup>R</sup> FRANCIS ROBINS

BOSTON May 1760

D<sup>R</sup> Brother

A few days ago, came to hand your Letter of the first of October via Lond<sup>n</sup> pr Capt<sup>t</sup> Sherrard who was blown of the Coast & had a Long Passage — the Contents thereof I duly note.

Please to Look into your former Letters Respecting the House & you'l find that you tell me you were offer'd a hundred pounds for it, which price I Could by no means consent to take & in Consequence thereof I told you I would take it myself at that Rate, & I supposing you Consented thereto, then Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth were to pay you & my Bro Joseph & M<sup>rs</sup> Tolcher your Shares on a deed being properly accredited by you all & Left in their Care; now I perceive by your Letter, that you are willing to part with your Three Shares for thirty pounds sterl<sup>g</sup> each & if my Sister M<sup>rs</sup> Tolcher will part with her share, then you may get a deed executed properly by yrself, Bro. Jos & her, under the Direction of Uncle Hawker. Let it be done Authentick & then Lodg'd with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane &

Booth Merch<sup>ts</sup> in London, who have orders when this is done, to answer your bills on them for my acc<sup>t</sup>, namely sixty pounds sterl<sup>s</sup> to you for yours & Brother Joseph's Shares & thirty pounds more to M<sup>r</sup> Tolcher for sister Mary's share — please to observe that Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob is now at Quebeck with Daniel Weir Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissary General, this place is worth him Two Hundred pounds sterl<sup>s</sup> per annum, nothing has given me more pleasure than to be able to assist him in procuring this place & many other Good offices &c Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Farr, is the Bearer of this to London, I hope he will arrive in safety as he is a person of your acquaintance, I thought proper to Show him a power Jacob Left with me to settle this affair, so that you have no Occassion to trouble yrself, only in executing a deed in my name for your three shares & send me a copy that I may get his executed here at his Return as the Redemption of his Lies without Dispute in me. I think M<sup>rs</sup> Tolcher can have no objection & I do it on no other Acct than to keep it in the Family, Rather than it shall be sold to a Stranger — when this is compleated Let M<sup>r</sup> Brown the present Tenant Remain in it & you take the care of it the same as if it was your own & Receive from him the Rent as Usual, only Let it be done in my name & for my Acc<sup>t</sup>. I have drawn a bill on my Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph for thirty three pounds six shillings & 8<sup>d</sup> being for Jacob's share of the Legacy Left him pr his Aunt Bradford which now is become due & which I presume he will pay. . . . I think he

might have had Opportunitys enough to give me a Line on the affairs of the Family there's no excuse for him because he was taught to write before I left home. . . . I am very sorry to hear you are so great a Sufferer by Geo. Conde I Fancy that Spark has troubl'd his heart more ab' Religious Politicks than Business. I see a scandalous Pamphlet of his which has made great noise & Clamour here — being well adapted for this Meridian — the Gentleman M<sup>r</sup> Sylvester that had the care of Grace Knowling's money is now dead & his executers Live on Shelter Ilend. I will when there is any opportunity write to them on her Acc<sup>t</sup> & you may depend on't if I succeed will Remit it to her immediately & as soon as I know ab' it, will advise you in Course. I cant now give M<sup>rs</sup> Wilcocks any Intelligence ab' her Son's Family but next post I will mention to my friend M<sup>r</sup> Vanhorne at New York & get him to Enquire ab' them I think they are in some Remote town in the Jersey Government. I am glad to hear your little Family are well & I thank my sister for her many Letters, you will make my Love & Compliments Acceptable to her — you'll please to show my Uncle Hawker this Letter to whom I have wrote on this occasion & Correspond with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth thereon.

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Joyns with me in Sincere Love & affection to you & Sister &

I Remain y<sup>r</sup> Affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON May 5<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO JOHN HAWKER ESQ EXETER

Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

It is a Long time since I had the pleasure to write you & having not a Line from you you'l please to excuse it. I often Try'd to get M<sup>r</sup> Jos Gerrish to do some what in the affair of M<sup>r</sup> Upcolis but Could not prevail, he had nothing then to pay, & went off to Hallifax in Debt he is now there & store Keeper to his Majesty's Navy & by the best advices, he is in a good way so that if he Returns you may yet stand a Chance to get something, should he Return depend ont I will Oblige him to settle this Account. I have lately Rece'd a Letter from Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins, he tells me he is willing to part with his share & my Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph in the House Left us per Our deceas'd Parents, in Consequence of which I have wrote him that I will take it & give him his Price & I will also take my Sister Molly's at the same rate & for that purpose have order'd my friends Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth of Lond<sup>o</sup> to pay him for his two shares & my Sister Molly for her share as soon as the writings are compleated & lodg'd in the aforesaid Gentlemen's hands & therefore this Conveyance cannot be Regularly made without your assistance, which I must desire you to see done in a Right & Authentick way. Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob is now assistant to Daniel Wyer Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissary Generall at Quebeck & his place is in worth at Least Two hundred pounds Sterl<sup>s</sup> per annum, it gives me Great Satisfaction that I have been able so well to Provide for him; he has



left me his power of attorney to settle this affair which I have shown to Bearer of this Capt Farr who is an Exeter Man & who will, if you should not be otherwise Satisfy'd, Convince you thereof, so that there is no Occasion of his name in the Deed or Release. I shall on all occasions be glad to hear from you & of your Familys welfare, in the meantime please to accept of my best Regards & give my compliments to my Aunt & Cousins. I Remain, Hon<sup>d</sup> Sir

Your affectionate Kinsman

& very hum<sup>e</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO M<sup>R</sup> ALEX<sup>R</sup> COBDEN

BOSTON May 12<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

Your favour of the 5<sup>th</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> is now before me, I am much Obligd to you for the Care of M<sup>r</sup> Barrons Letter, it gives me pleasure to tell you, that M<sup>r</sup> Barrons was Restored to his office without any Solicitation thro' his friends &c, a footing that no moves of M<sup>r</sup> L. ill nature will effect him & I guess the old Gentleman will Repent his Cruel Treatment

Sir

Your very hum<sup>n</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON May 12<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> BRIG<sup>R</sup> GEN<sup>ALL</sup> BURTON AT QUEBECK  
Sir,

. . . . I have a Letter dat<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March from London & from a Gentle<sup>n</sup> well acquainted in Governm<sup>t</sup> affairs, he says a peace is at no great Distance, all parties seem to be tired of the expense of the warr & the King of Prussia affairs seems not to be in that favorable state, we would wish them. You have Enclosed the latest Newspaper from New York which Contains what news the Packett Brg<sup>t</sup> from England. . . .

I am, Sir, your very Hum<sup>le</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> REED & PETTIT  
Gent<sup>n</sup>

BOSTON May 19<sup>th</sup> 1760

. . . to come pr any other Vessels & then Stop in y<sup>r</sup> hands till you hear further from mee for Wee have very Disagreeable Acc<sup>ts</sup> from Quebeck & the Chance of Loosing it is very Great God Grant it may be otherwise.

I much fear a General Battle took place between Mons<sup>r</sup> Lane who Commanded eleven thousand French Canadians & Indians & our Commanding officer Mj<sup>r</sup> Murray the 28<sup>th</sup> Last Month, he had but twenty seven hundred — this Small Body made the French give Way but they were Caught & a Great Many Men Kill'd & Wounded. I Know of hardly one Officer of ours that was Engaged but Receiv'd

Wounds or Were Killed. Among the last is Coll. Hufsey, a brave Good Officer this was a fatal affair — had the G——l kept in his Lines There could have been no Danger or if Lord Colvil is not up before the Town by this time or Before, its Generally thought its Gone. Tis a Melancholly affair that Such Brave Fellows Must Submit, if you hear nothing more of this affair Let it be only Communicated to Your Best Friends & You'l Oblige Gent<sup>n</sup>

Your Very Hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE

BOSTON May 29<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO FRIEND JOS. ROTCH NEW BEDFORD

Sir

I am now going to Load the Snow Devonshire, Hugh Hunter for London, it will much oblige me for Your Friendship in assisting me with Fifty Tons of Oyl on Freight and I shall also be Glad if you Can purchase me a hundred Barrells. I will pay you to your Content what you Generally have from other people. I Remain

Y<sup>r</sup> friend to Serve

JOHN ROWE

TO ALEX<sup>R</sup> CORDEN ESQ<sup>R</sup>

BOSTON May 26<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

I have yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> I am obligd to you for putting my Letters directed to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth into the Tourists Bagg.

As to the sentiments of the Commissioner of the Customs in Regard to the Conduct of their Officer in America ab' Clearing Sugar from the mount &c, he is silent about but I Conclude when he says every Matter will be settled to his Satisfaction, that that affair will be Included for I have good Reason to think the Surveyor General has wrote to the Commissioners on that very Subject, at the Departure of M<sup>r</sup> Barrons which was Like to have made some puzzle at home; as I expect to have a Larger & better Acc<sup>t</sup> from him pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Evers who is dayley expected, it may then be in my power to Satisfy you more Clearly in this matter. As soon as I have it you shall hear further from

Sir, Your very hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON June 2<sup>d</sup> 1760

TO CAP<sup>t</sup> EDW<sup>d</sup> CAHILL LONDON

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have your favour of 29<sup>th</sup> March & 10<sup>th</sup> April pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Watts & Cap<sup>t</sup> Willson. Am very glad to find your Business of Such Consequence & that it will prevent your further Progress on the Risque of the Seas & when anything offers that I can Contribute to your Business I shall do it with Pleasure. I thank Fortune who has been kind to my Endeavours that I shall not enlarge or even wish for more Business than I have at present & a Great Deal of what I do on my own Acc<sup>t</sup>, I shall Cut short by degrees. Am sorry there is like to be any difficulty

about Sam<sup>l</sup> Marshalls Bills but be it as it will, I shall be Contented. I shall send the Devonshire Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter for London, by whom I shall again write you. I shall on all Occasions, Show you I Remain,

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your Friend & Hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is much obligd to you for the Care of her Stays etc.

BOSTON June 2<sup>d</sup> 1760

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH [his London Correspondent]

Gent<sup>lm</sup>

... M<sup>r</sup> Hooper is much obligd to you for the Care of his Teeth & if he should have any farther Occasion, he will follow your directions. ... I am much surprizd to find Cap<sup>t</sup> Browns Bill protested — he is now gone to Quebeck, I hope he may escape the fate of Warr, if so I am safe, But as our present Situation in that Quarter is very precarious, I look on it an Equal Chance whether an Officer Lives or Dies. A Great Havock of Both Officers & men has lately taken place there; however I thank you for taking the Bills up & paying it for my honor ... nothing I think occasions more at present, save only that I Remain & am on all occasions — Dr Sirs

Your assured Friend & hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO MAJOR CURRIE

BOSTON June 8<sup>th</sup> 1760D<sup>r</sup> Sir

According to Your Expectation & my Own Cap<sup>t</sup> Arthur Brown's bill is protested & I have now Inclosd it for My Namesake M<sup>r</sup> Roe the Change thereof is at foot of this. I must beg your Care to get this Settled. His other bills of one hundred & twenty will also be protested & what he has in the Agents hands is only about Forty pounds. How he could be so Imprudent to draw bills & have no Effects & never give Advice is a mystery to mee.

I shall always be glad to Render you or Friends any Good Offices & Remain

D<sup>r</sup> Sir, your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

I had almost forgot to tell you that M<sup>r</sup> fisher is appointed Agent for the 28<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> this Advice is from my Friends Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth of London the 12<sup>th</sup> April

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> REEDS & PETITBOSTON June 16<sup>th</sup> 1760Gent<sup>m</sup>

I am just Return'd from a Journey so that have only time to tell you I found your several favours . . . Every hour wee expect an Acc<sup>t</sup> from the River, tis high time that some of the trading vessells Return'd I am in hopes We shall have good news but I must confess I am still afraid If anything Occurs you shall hear further

from Gent<sup>m</sup>

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON June 30<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO DAVID WIER ESQ AT QUEBECK WITH THE  
FORCES

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

... It gives me Great pleasure to find my Brother's Behaviour has merited your approbation & that you have given him part of your Profits, be assur'd Sir, I will always with Gratitude endeavour to Return you Such Good offices as lies in my Power here meantime I Remain, waiting your further Commands

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

The Invoice of Garden Seeds  
is Inclos'd

TO CAPT WM DUNBAR

BOSTON July 2<sup>d</sup> 1760

Dear Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> your favour of the 23<sup>d</sup> May . . . I have all along taken Care of Serjeant Bell's Children & shall follow his further directions Relating to them . . . I rejoice with you in the Success of the Garrison the officers that were taken on the 23<sup>d</sup> April are all Return'd in a flag of Truce from Montreal to Albany except Colo. Young who is Still at Montreal

I Remain, your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE



TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON July 3<sup>d</sup> 1760D<sup>r</sup> Brother

I Received both your Letters of the 30<sup>th</sup> April pr the Racehorse & if M<sup>r</sup> Anderson had Come here I should have Shown him all the Civilities I could both on his & your Acc<sup>t</sup> . . . I thank you for your Advices about Both Battles & am Glad your fears are at an End, as yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May advises — the Friends of W<sup>m</sup> Fayerweather Return you their thanks for your advice about him, as to John Malcolm the method of his Behaviour seems not to be much Regretted. By the Best Acc<sup>t</sup> I can get of the Britannia is that She was one of the Five Ships sent down the River, at the Beginning of the Siege last year & in Consequence thereof burnt, but this may prove a Mistake & if it should & you should find her Claim her for my Acc<sup>t</sup> & this shall be your Justification I have made your Respectfull Compliments acceptable to your friends who all are very glad to hear of your welfare. . . . It will always give me pleasure to do you any good office as I have wrote you pr Capt Cushion & in the course of this year it may suit my affairs better to advance than at the Juncture; I will fullfill any orders that you send in Conjunction with M<sup>r</sup> Wier & you may see I will advance the cash which I pay every shilling down for in Molasses. I dare say M<sup>r</sup> Wier will not let me Remain long out of it. Tis Great pleasure to me to hear your good behaviour has merited your friends Esteem & Countenance. Let me beg you to Continue Stedfast in your good

Progress & my good offices shall be always a pleasure to you & myself. . . . I shall take care of Serjeants' Bells Children, which at present are very well & I have ever since the Death of their mother put them into good Care, one of them is at M<sup>r</sup> Collsons my Neighbour and the other under the care of M<sup>rs</sup> Serjeant who I pay 40/ a week for his Board. I Believe M<sup>r</sup> Hawkings will go to Quebeck, if so I shall send them both by him & write M<sup>r</sup> Bell at Large. . . . I every day expect Bartlett from Bristol, its very probable I shall send him up with a Cargoe from hence for its Impossible to persuade any of these people to take any Live Stock on Freight. . . . M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Joyns with me in Sincere Regard & I Remain

Yr affectionate Brother

JOHN ROWE

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> LANE & BOOTH

Boston July 4<sup>th</sup> 1760

Gent<sup>ln</sup>

. . . I have just Rec<sup>d</sup> the first Bills for Quebeck for three hundred pounds ster<sup>s</sup> which I shall send pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter & I hope a Considerable Sum more, that Garrison is now out of Danger the Enemy having Rais'd the Siege from Before that place & gone off with the Loss of all their Ammunition, Stores & all Utensils.

Being all that offers at present from

Gent<sup>ln</sup> your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON July 14<sup>th</sup> 1760

Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter as it will oblige you, you may bring me from your young Milliner a fashionable round Cap handkerchief & Ruffles of fine plain Muslin & a Cheap India mount fan.

Things to be Brought for M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe (pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter)

2 Doz<sup>n</sup> of Blue & White China plates

1 p<sup>r</sup> Black Sattin Shoes

1 pair Pink Sattin Shoes

2 pounds of Green Tea

2 Long Brushes

2 Baskets of Salt

One Glass Lamp to fit the top sent

2 Shillings worth of French Chalk.

BOSTON 16<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO CAP<sup>t</sup> EDW<sup>d</sup> CAHILL LONDON

Sir

... Our Old Friend Gunter is at Rest, he has Left the Bulk of his Estate to Charitable Uses in the City of Gloster which is Some Chagrin to Some of his Friends. All the Rest of Our Friends are at present well & a Great many going this day to Commencement which you know is a high Frolick in this Country. I shall make One of the party with M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe who Joyns with mee in Sincere Regards.

I am

BOSTON July 25<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO DAV<sup>D</sup> WIER ESQ WITH THE FORCES IN CANADA  
D<sup>r</sup> Sir

... A young fellow from Quebeck from Louisburg brings an Acc<sup>t</sup> of Sundry Vessells being taken going to Quebeck which has started the premio of Insurance to 10 pr Cent which I was Oblig'd to give on this Vessell & hope you'l approve therof as I could not on any Terms get it done Cheaper. I shall send Ten Hogsheads more of Molasses & a Quantity of Corn if to be had, at present its very Dear & Scarce. I hope you'l approve of my dividing your Interest in Several Vessells — at present there's nothing new here. Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst was at Oswego when the last advice Came from thence, which is now about a fortnight past.

I shall on all Occasions of Service Shew you

I am, D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON August 5<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> JOHN JAMIESON & SON

Gent<sup>l<sup>m</sup></sup>

... Building at present seems to be dear, which is in some part Occasion'd by our Carpenters going with the Army to Build Vessells Battoes &C, so that I dont advise you to be concern'd this year, if we Should Succeed in our further Operations in Canada, tis probable the Warr here will Cease & in

Consequence the people will then get Steady at their Labour which will be of Great Service to the Article of Building. . . .

Scotch & English goods are at present very Dull, but its a Season of the year that Our Trades generally Slack. . . .

I shall give Attention to y<sup>r</sup> Interests & I Remain  
Gent<sup>ln</sup>

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH      BOSTON August 8<sup>th</sup> 1760  
Gent<sup>ln</sup>

. . . I think you are very Right in not Sending any goods very Late & especially in Frigate Built Ships, they Cannot Beat to Windward Like a small Galley Built Ship which are the only Vessells to Come on this Coast. If I Can get one of them built to my mind, I dare say she shall answer the purpose design'd

Gov<sup>r</sup> Bernard has a Son in London which is to Come out with Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter. I shall esteem it a favour you'll Shew him any Civilities & Recommend it to Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter to have a Regard to him & Treat him as a Gentleman.

Our fears ab<sup>t</sup> Quebeck for this year, are at an End — & I belive Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray is now at Montreal, if he is not, he has got a Second Drubbing.

I must beg your Attention to Send the Devonshire out in the Fall. I am not afraid of her going

off the Coast, the Cap' is well acquainted and Such Vessells as his are vastly Preferable to Such Ships as Bradford's & Sherrard's. This is at present what offers from Gentlemen

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J ROWE

TO THE SAME  
Gentlemen

BOSTON Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1760

. . . Please to send me a pair of Netts for Horses,  
Let them be Large.

& You'l Oblige, Gent<sup>ln</sup>

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO CAP<sup>T</sup> EZEKIEL CUSHING  
Sir

BOSTON, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> 1760

We are very sorry to hear of Your Misfortune in being taken, its very unlucky both for you & ourselves. Wee desire you'll Immediately Send Us your protest that Wee may Recover what Insurance Wee have made on the Gen<sup>tn's</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup> Wee Loaded you for.

Wee desire you'll not fail doing this as soon as you Receive this Letter & forward it by a good & safe hand & you'll oblige

Your hum Serv<sup>ts</sup>

JAMES FORBES

JOHN ROWE

To —

BOSTON Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1760

Worthy Sir

I have taken the Liberty to write you Several Letters which have been forwarded as Opportunity Offer'd — have now taken the Liberty to tell you that Our prospect in Canada is Great. Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray Since he Left Quebeck, has had a Battle & has got the Best of it & is at Troy River. Colo. Haviland who went from Crown point is Landed on one part of Nut Island with all his Troops. he Lost Cap<sup>t</sup> Legg & seven others of the Train in Landing — no other of the Troops Suffer'd much. Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst Certainly Left Oswego in the Divisions. The Hon<sup>l</sup> the Colo Haldiman with the first, the 7<sup>th</sup> this Month, Marched the Tenth with the main Body & was follow'd by Colo Gage the Eleventh — and there's a Report he was within a few days march of Montreal. Some people among us believe it & the time may admit of it, if there's no Obstructions in his way Wee every day expect to hear that their Country is surrender'd as soon as the Happy Event Comes, you shall be sure to have as Early Intelligence as I can give you & at all times Shall think myself happy in giving you pleasure being, D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Y<sup>r</sup> Most Obed<sup>t</sup> hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE



TO M<sup>r</sup> SAM SHEPPARDBOSTON Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

... We are in great Spirits here expecting all Canada will Submit to his Majesty's Arms. Our Generalls are far Advanc'd into the heart of the Enemies Country.

I Remain Sir

Your most hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J ROWE

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1760Dear Bro<sup>r</sup>

... I wish Cap<sup>t</sup> Cushing had arriv'd that you might have had the things I sent you but he was taken & carried into the Bay of Chalons & is just come home. You may depend on my taking the Greatest Care of your affairs at Cape Ann, but my Business has not yet permitted me to Look very Closely into them I purpose a Journey there very soon & shall then fix a Method to bring the people you have to do with, to do you Justice. Some of your Debts, I know I shall Receive. As it's probable Canada must Surrender you'll send me as early as you can, a memorandum of what will answer & I will Endeavor to send it.

I hope as you are gone with the Army that God will protect you & Return you in Safety. Let me hear from you by all opportunity & give my Com-

pliments to M<sup>r</sup> Wier. I shall write you again pr  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Y<sup>r</sup> affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is well & desires  
to be kindly Remember'd

TO DAN<sup>L</sup> GIBBS ESQ

BOSTON Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1760

Sir

I just have Rec'd yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> past & have waited on M<sup>r</sup> Prat whose Opinion is that Vessells & men ought to pay what Damage is Sustained partially, as a fishing Voyage is on a different Situation than a Merch<sup>ts</sup> Voyage however upon the whole I would Advise You to Settle this Affair Amicably, as all these Cases depend on the Temper & disposition of One Man, say — Judge of Admiralty & by Enquiring among M<sup>r</sup> Bethune & other friends about your Case, they seem to think otherwise than M<sup>r</sup> Prat has Advis'd you & me, & think that all Accidents must take their Fate — it will be necessary for Cap<sup>t</sup> Haskell & Crew, if they go to Sea, to Leave a power with you or some other friend — if you purpose to pursue it. I shall always be glad to Serve You & Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Y<sup>r</sup> assur'd Friend

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO FRIENDS JOSEPH & W<sup>m</sup> ROTCH NEW BEDFORD

The Oyl you are to Ship on board the John

Galley, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis for London, together with Two hundred Barrels I am to have of you, I shall be glad to have it as soon as possible & the Quantity on my Acc<sup>t</sup>, I desire it may be of the Pale Sort or Bank Oyl. The Reason I desire this to be soon up, will be a Benefit to Both you & myself, for there is a Convoy appointed for the mast fleet which will be here in this month & may depart from portsmouth by the Middle or Twentieth of Oct so that your Insurance will make a great saving by Proceeding with this Convoy — which is his Majesty's Ship the Crown, Cap<sup>t</sup> Mead, of 40 Guns. I am with Esteem

Y<sup>r</sup> Friend to Serve

JOHN ROWE

TO FRANCIS ROBINS EXETER      BOSTON Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1760

Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins

Sir

This I send by our Townsman Cap<sup>t</sup> Jam<sup>s</sup> Luke who I hope will arrive with you in Safety. I have taken the Liberty to Send you a Doz<sup>n</sup> Bottles of West India Rum which I beg your Acceptance of. Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob is now in Canada, Commissary of his Majestys detachment under Generall Murray, his Behaviour has gain'd him the Esteem of the officers of that Body & M<sup>r</sup> Wier the Commissary General writes me very much in his favour, so that I hope he is well provided for his place is worth at Least Two hundred pounds Sterl<sup>s</sup> per Ann. Our forces

are now in possession of all Canada which is a Glorious Conquest & I pray God, if a peace it may not be Restor'd to the French if it should We Shall always, on this Continent, be under Continual Alarms from the Villanous Canadians & Barbarous Indians. I thank God am Well & so is M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe who Joyns with me in Sincere Regard to you & Sister Robins. Let me hear from you as Opportunity Presents & you'll oblige.

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your affectionate Friend & Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON Sept 19 1760

TO M<sup>R</sup> HARRY ROE AT QUEBECK

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

This day I Rec'd your favour of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aug & am much oblig'd to you for your Intelligence of the Situation of the Army & am glad you got up Safe, altho you had a Long Passage. Pray give my Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup> Peggy Lydias & assure her that any Commands of hers will be Cheerfully & faithfully executed.

I am sorry the Tobacco Turn'd out so poorly but twas the best could be had in Boston. Indeed there was no other at that time. It will always give me pleasure to send anything for yourself or your Regiment. I sent Brigg<sup>r</sup> Burton a hhd of very good Beer for Cap<sup>t</sup> Harris in the Armed Schooner who I hear is arriv'd at Quebeck, as to the Cyder it was

Really forgetfulness but as soon as I Know where your Regiment is fix'd for the Winter, you Shall have the Barrell with Interest. You'l please to let me hear from you as often as opportunity offers & if you should See Jacob my Bro<sup>r</sup> I hope you'll get acquainted.

We have News over the Lakes that Montreal & all Canada Surrendered the 8<sup>th</sup> this month tho' it dont come authenticated, yet tis Generally Believ'd. Who Knows if this be True but your Regiment may Winter in Boston Which will give mee pleasure. You'l please to give my Compliments to Gen<sup>l</sup> Burton & tell him I am always Ready to fullfill his Commands & I Remain with Sincere Regards

D<sup>r</sup> Harry

Your affectionate Friend & hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To M<sup>r</sup> JOHN HOLMES JUN<sup>R</sup>

BOSTON Sept 22 1760

Sir

Last Night the post from New York brought me y<sup>r</sup> Letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> July. I am Very Sorry you have Lost y<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup> in Law, M<sup>r</sup> David Hillman jun<sup>r</sup> but you must content y<sup>o</sup>self as all mankind must Sooner or Later pay the Sam Debt. tis of Great Comfort to you that M<sup>rs</sup> Hillman Keeps up her Spirits in So Extraordinary a manner. I take notice that you carry on Business with M<sup>r</sup> John James Herts in the woolen way . . . when you think proper to favour me with your Commands I'll execute them

with pleasure but I Cant at Present Say there's any Great prospect for the Sale of Woolens from the West of England in this part of America, as Canada is now in possession of the English if We still hold it, I mean when peace is Concluded, I Guess it will be of Great Consequence to Your Business. This I thought Necessary to mention to you & if any vessel is bound to Quebeck from Exeter or Topsham,—you cannot fail of a market. My Bro Jacob Rowe is there & Commissary of Provisions, he will be able to dispose of them for you & will be Ready to Receive y<sup>r</sup> Commission on your telling him I Recommend you to him—or if you Should Conclude to send any here, I'll Endeavour to do my Best for you, at present I have a great Quantity of goods on hand & more Business than I can well manage that I dare not venture many on my Acc' . . . I am glad you & your Spouse have got over y<sup>r</sup> Indisposition & hope you'll Continue your Health. The Bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Luke is Just on Departure that you'l excuse my Adding at present anything more

only that I am—Sir

Your very hum Servant

J. ROWE

To —

BOSTON Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worthy Sir

Annext is a Coppy of what I wrote for Cap<sup>t</sup> Bartlett via Bristol. According to my Promise I

now — You that Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst has taken Legolet, but was oblig'd to wait Six days before that Small Garrison Surrendered ab<sup>o</sup> five hundred are made prisoners of warr which are now at Albany the Last Acc<sup>ts</sup> from Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst are, that he was at the Rapids, which I take to be ab<sup>o</sup> 30 Leagues from Montreal Cap<sup>t</sup> Loring Lost his ship in Engaging the fleet at Legolet & seven hundred men, himself slightly wounded.

Colo. Haviland has got possession of Nut Island the Garrison under command of Boucanville deserted it, Leaving everything behind them, it was well stocked with provisions & upwards a hundred head of Cattle, a vast Quantity of Ammunition, Storages & upwards of Seventy Cannon, Great part of them Brass, tis not Certain he is pass'd St John's but its Commonly Reported & by Numbers believ'd. Colo. Thomas of the Provincials is Left to Garrison Nut Island with four hundred of General Ruggles Provincials The Rest are gone forward Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray is got up to Montreal & there is intrenching himself, Proposing to wait the Junction of Both Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst & Colo. Haviland which has no doubt taken place before now. So everything has a good Aspect & Some of our Boston Politicians seem'd to think their whole country is Surrendered. others think M<sup>r</sup> Levi will Risque a Battle first, tis Said he has Twelve to thirteen thousand men with him if so, they are Chiefly Canadians. This is at present what Occurs from Worthy Sir

Your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.



TO DAN<sup>L</sup> WIER ESQ<sup>R</sup>

BOSTON Sept 20 1760

Sir

. . . I see Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob was gone up the River & thank you for your Care of the things I sent him. We have an Acc<sup>t</sup> here that Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst has all Canada in Possession by Capitulation, its Generally Believ'd to be True—thank you for your advice. . . .

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1760D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>.

I wrote you at Large pr M<sup>r</sup> Jeffry & send duplicate pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Noble, since which I have your favour of the 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Gay. as I have already wrote you I will give Attention to your Affairs & think you might have Spar'd your Reflection. I dare say you'll have it in your power to do every Body that Justice you Intend. I have wrote to England & every day expect an Answer & hope t'will be as I expect. It gives me great pleasure to hear you meet the Approbation of the Army in General. Let me know your destination & I will Assist you as much as possible. I conclude when my letters pr Gay, Harris & Bradford are got to hand You will not suspect I did not Intend any further Correspondence & I Cann't but say I'm a Little vex'd you should harbour Such a thought. . . . M<sup>r</sup> Hancock will not pay the bills you sent me, therefore you must get it of the person you had it off. . . . I hear the Country has surrendered to General Amherst. So you'll by all means Let me know your destination. . . .

I must desire the favour of you to Enquire in what manner John Malcolm Left his Sloop, he says he Carried a Frenchman from Quebeck to St Barnaby with Permission for him from Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray, on which Occasion he has Stopt there; if its so, he will [have] Some Grounds to Demand his Insurance but if otherways as tis Reported, that he went there to trade, then he can have no demands, pray be as particular as you Can, as he is Esteem'd here not Altogether so Clever as he Should be, while he was on shore his Mate Run away with his Vessell & was taken. I Intend to write you again pr next Conveyance, meantime I Remain

Your affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH  
Gen<sup>l</sup>

BOSTON Sept 19 1760

... Our Forces are now in Possession of all Canada which is a Glorious Conquest & I hope when a peace takes place it may not be Restor'd to the French, if it should we shall always on this Continent, especially the Frontiers be under Continual Alarms from the Villanous Canadians & Barbarous Indians. Your Letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> July pr the Harriet Packet with the Certificate of the Cattle Vessells Return'd protested I have at hand, am very sorry. I Guess t'will be Sometime before Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst will be able to give Attention to this Affair, his Goodness I know will do us Justice but

t'will take up Time he is now (I believe) at Montreal making the necessary disposition for winter Quarters. Instead of the Crown Man of Warr, Lord Colville has appointed the Winchester & the Crown is to take a Load of Masts. I Remain with Sincere Regard

Gen<sup>l</sup>, you very hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To —

BOSTON Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1760

Worthy Sir

I Confirm the preceeding Coppy of my Last in everything & have further to Add that Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst took possession of Montreal on the 8<sup>th</sup> this month by Capitulation, the same day Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray Landed on the I<sup>l</sup>and & Colo Haviland encamp'd the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment against the I<sup>l</sup>and So that the three Armies met all within a day but the Capitulation took place with Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst before Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray Landed, tho' he knew nothing of the Capitulation.

General Gage is to Remain at Montreal Governor Twenty five hundred Regulars — Gen<sup>l</sup> Murray to Return to Montreal & Colo Haviland to Crownpoint. In coming down the Rapids Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst Lost 85 men & one officer & upwards of 50 at Legolet. Upon the whole the Conquest is made without much Loss of men — the Publick prints will give you the terms of Capitulation, which is Generally Liked. God Grant that our Affairs on the Continent may prosper, that the Grand Con-

quest may always Remain the property of Great Britain

M<sup>r</sup> P—— has Inflamed the Collector by telling him you wrote home Letters against him & by what I Can find M<sup>r</sup> Barrons has wrote to know how it Stands — this I thought Convenient to advise you.

It gave me great pleasure to hear of your Safe Arrival & I hope all your Affairs are Applauded & Still Remain

Y<sup>rs</sup> on all Occasions

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 1760

TO MESSRS JOHN JAMESON & SON

Gentlemen

Annex is a Coppy of what I wrote you Via Bristol. I have only now to Confirm the Same & wish you Joy of the Conquest of all Canada. This is a most Glorious Event & I hope every Borough in the Kingdom will present Memorials to His Majesty that he will not Consent to its being delivered at the peace, whenever it Shall happen.

I Say the Keeping this Country will be of more Service to the Manufactures of Great Britain than all the Rest of the Trade of that Kind in the Kingdom & that in the Course of Fifty Years. All the Trade from hence are Writing their Friends on the Occasion, So that I hope you'll excuse my Freedom — be Assur'd Gentlemen, that any Commands of yours will be executed with Pleasure

by Gen<sup>l</sup> Your very hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To DAN<sup>L</sup> WIER Esq<sup>r</sup>BOSTON Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1760D<sup>r</sup> Sir

... As there will be Communication over Land by Way of Crownpoint, I shall Esteem it a favour when you have any further Commands you'l write that way, especially when your River is Shut up.

Here is Glorious news of Prince Ferdinand's gaining a Compleat victory over the French & is without all Doubt True.

I Remain, Dr Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To JACOB ROWE

BOSTON Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1760D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

On the other side is Coppy of my Last, Since with<sup>o</sup> any of your favours, I have the Less to add. ... Next Monday I set out for Cape Ann & at my Return will write you the exact Situation of your affairs. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is well & Desires to be Remember'd to you. I have no Letter from the West [of England] since my Last therefore cannot give you any Acc<sup>t</sup> Relative to y<sup>r</sup> affairs there. M<sup>r</sup> William Handfield is Come to town from Montreal in Ten days, he tells me you were well & gone to Quebeck, so that I Guess this will meet you there. Let me hear from you by all opportunitys which will much Oblige me . . .

Your affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH  
Gent<sup>l</sup>

BOSTON Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1760

I was in hopes to have Compleated Cap<sup>t</sup> Jarvis Ship lading to have come home with this Convoy but very Unlucky the Winds have Continued Easterly for three Weeks, which have Kept out the Nantucket men & brought the Man of Warr from Hallifax . . .

. . . The Crown Man of War is now near Portsm<sup>o</sup> & is not to Come Home this Convoy but to take in Masts between Decks & have her upper Deck Clear, So that if She Departs in a month or thereabout Jarvis shall wait for her but if Longer, he shall Come with<sup>o</sup> her. . .

I Remain Gent<sup>l</sup>

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

Cap<sup>t</sup> Jacobson has two q<sup>ts</sup> of meat fish on board him directed for Lord Barrington. pray be kind enough to Let one of your Servants See it Safe deliver'd & you'l oblige yrs as before.

TO JACOB ROWE  
Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob

BOSTON Decr 1760

. . . I have been Lately indisposed that cannot Say anything certain as to Your Cape Ann affairs & had I been well have had no time to go there. I have this day been Talking with Your Friend Gibbs & I expect Daniel Rogers to Town

every day, so that before I have another opportunity to write, I shall be able to give you a fresh Acc thereof.

I have Coppy of Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins Letter to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth which I send you Enclose which determines the affair of the Bills & the house. As I expect Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth next Letters will bring me an Acc<sup>t</sup> that the Deed is executed in my name, then I say I shall give Credit for your Share thereof.

I am Really Surpris'd at Bro<sup>r</sup> Jos: Behaviour he has had not only the Benefit of the Estate of Uncle Jos at Chagford but also what Remain'd of Aunt Bradford's & most of Uncle Andrew's & for him to Refuse this Draft is very Cruel & I think he deserves no pity & such an unmannerly man I think I never met with, he has not even once thought of writing. I can never forgive him unless he has Lost the use of his Right hand.

[Jacob Rowe's Son Jack later married Daniel Rogers's daughter Esther.]

BOSTON Jan'y 30 1761

TO FRANCIS ROBINS ESQ EXETER

D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

I have Just at Hand your Letter of the 15 Sept. Last dated at Branscomb & Since that I have a Letter from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth ab<sup>n</sup> the House with their Acc<sup>t</sup> of what they have p<sup>d</sup> thereon which I presume you have Rec<sup>d</sup> from them. I should



have been glad of another Letter from you but suppose I am soon to expect it. I conclude the Deed &c are done Authentically & as they are in M<sup>r</sup> Lanes hands I will let them Remain there for the present.

It Grieves me to have Such an Acc<sup>t</sup> of Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph's Situation, if he was not Able Immediately to Discharge the Bill for Jacobs Ballance, I think he might have Said the bill was good & that he Intended to have paid it when in his power. as this is Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob's affair & he Really wants this money, I must beg Your Intention either to get it p<sup>d</sup> or get him to give Security for it to pay it with Interest at Some Distant time. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth have still the Bill in their Possession. It gives me Pleasure to find you, my Sister & Family are in good Health. You will Let my Sister know that I Intend her a Long Letter, the first Leisure time I Can Conveniently Spare. I beg she'll now accept of my Kind Love & Compliments. I have wrote a Long Letter to Sister Tolcher in Answer to One from her I have sent it now Inclos'd to you Open that you may peruse it then Seal it & forward it to her at plymouth—as it Contains Some plan that may be Generally Beneficial to the Family, I was willing you should see it. I cannot answer for what Effect may take place from it, but if it Could be Introduced by a person that has any Influence on Uncle John it might be of Service. I am sure tis Reasonable.

I have been Blessed with a great Share of Health

& as much Business as I can well Accomplish. Sometimes attended with Good & Sometimes bad Success, upon the whole God has Blessed my Attention & Endeavours. Let me now tell you that I am very well as is M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & both of us Joyne in hearty Wishes for Your own & Your Family's health & prosperity & that I Remain

Your Sincere & affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup> & most hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

TO M<sup>rs</sup> MARY TOLCHER

BOSTON Jan'y 18<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sister

I had the pleasure to Receive your favor of the 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Hulmy a day or two ago, am Extremely Glad to hear of your Health & welfare & that you are all pleased ab<sup>o</sup> the House. God Knows whether ever I shall See it or not be that as it will, I hope it may Remain in Our Family. Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins will take care to see it kept in good Repair. I should have been pleased to have had a Letter from him. Jacob was well at Quebeck ab<sup>o</sup> a month [ago] & is now in a good way to make a Good Deal of money I hope his Generous Disposition may not get the Better of his prudence.

I thank you for your Intelligence about the Friends at Chagford & Observe the Joy, that has taken place there at Holly Street, I cannot say it gives me any pleasure that the Family Estate should be out of its Right Channels, as I find its Like now to do, I would have made a proposal to

the Old Gentleman my namesake, Could I have Introduced it in person or even by a Friend of which — I'll Signify my Plan now to you & if you can be of any Service in this affair, I shall think myself Happy. I dont know a Better Man to Communicate it to do than the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hayter my Schoolfellow.

I presume when my Uncle John was married to Miss Burdall some Settlement was made to her Advantage, which was I Guess some one of his Estates or More & as he now has a daughter married & a grandchild, provision no doubt must be made for that, notwithstanding this I say the Estate May Still be Kept in the Family who to be Sure have the Best & Legal Right to it — for in Liew of what this Settlement was or is to be, only Let the Estate be Left progressively to the Family & not divided — I'll find the Money to pay the Widdow & the Heirs of Hers Let the Sum be more or Less, this is a proposal which I am sure M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe nor none of his Friends can Object too. Unless my Uncle should take it in his Head to Cut the Family altogether off — now if this could be so Manag'd by any Person who has any Prevalence with my Uncle, it would be of Great Advantage to my Bro Jos Children &c, as to myself you may plainly Discover that I can have No Benefit by it, having no Children but my view is to Stop if Possible the Ancient Estate at Least of Holly Street from departing from the name of Rowe — I shall only say that your Judgment & prudence in Con-

ducting this matter may be of Service. I am sorry to hear Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph has had so much Trouble with my Uncle Andr<sup>w</sup> Estate. I hope he will soon get the Better of it, its a hardship on him to pay £50 pr Ann to his Widdow, however, my Uncle Andrews Design was good & well dispos'd to his Kinsfolks—all but myself who thank God dont want it however a Little Notice I think might have been Taken. Some of these Old Foggrums, who I may say only pursue a Gropish disposition, never Consider the Vivacitys of youth & nature & its when once they are Fix'd, I suppose tis Harder to Break their Views as tis to Stop a Hog that Runs Right forward. We have Just Rec'd the Advice of the King's Death & as you Say Great Joy must fill the Breast of Every Englishman to have a prince Born among them to Sit on the throne.

You'l please to give my Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Tolcher & believe me that I Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sister

Your affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

J. ROWE

P.S. Added the 30<sup>th</sup>

I send this Inclos'd to Bro<sup>r</sup> Robins who I have the pleasure of a Letter from this Day.

[Nearly one hundred years later, in 1852-3, about £800 of the above-mentioned estate would have come to the last surviving son and daughter of Jacob Rowe through the death of "Uncle John's" granddaughter, Miss Southmead, who died unmarried;

but they being both over eighty years of age, and having all that they needed, relinquished their share in favor of the cousins in England.]

BOSTON Jan'y 6th 1761

TO CAP<sup>T</sup> EDW<sup>D</sup> CAHILL LONDON

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I wrote some Letters pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Hunter & Cap<sup>t</sup> Dashwood both which are taken its Unlucky for me to have them both taken altho' I Lose nothing in fact. Yet as the prospect was good tis a Disappointment . . . M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe gives her Compliments & will be glad to know if Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth have pd you for the Sundrys you have been so kind as to send her from time to time & I take it very kind your Sending the papers & Magazines, they Divert an hour or Two every week. I shall be glad to hear how Gov<sup>r</sup> Pownall is Like to Fare whether he goes to So Carolina or what he is doing at Lond<sup>n</sup>. I shall always esteem yr Commands & am with Truth your Sincere Friend &

most humble Servant

JOHN ROWE

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJ<sup>R</sup> GEN. AMHERST  
Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Green Merchant & Owner of the Ship Squirrell employ'd both years as a Transport in his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Service being now a Bankrupt & absconded,

having first appointed John Rowe Esq<sup>r</sup> & myself Assignees to Receive & Dispose of his Effects for the Sole Benefit of his Creditors, Among other Effects Assign'd & made over to us in Trust by a Lawfull Conveyance, his Certificate for hire due on his Ship Squirrell which M<sup>r</sup> Green expected from your Excellency & had desired you would be pleased to forward it under cover to M<sup>r</sup> Rowe. We are now to Request that you would do his Creditors the favour of Transmitting the Certificate for the hire due, to us pr post that they may have the Benefit of y<sup>r</sup> am<sup>t</sup> in proportion to their Demand. We are with all possible Respects Your Excellencys  
most Obed<sup>t</sup> & humble Serv<sup>ts</sup>

SAM. WENTWORTH — JOHN ROWE

BOSTON Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1761

To THOS SAUL Esq<sup>r</sup>  
D<sup>r</sup> Sir

BOSTON Feb'y 16<sup>th</sup> 1761

I was favour'd with yours from Worster pr Wier & Shall Let our friends know the Contents I hope this will meet you at New York, after I suppose a Journey of Fatigue.

Yesterday my Brigg<sup>m</sup> arriv'd from Bristol in 37 Days — the Cap<sup>t</sup> tells mee that the troops for the Grand Expedition were disembark'd that is stopt at Least for the present — the King of Prussia has made Overtures to the Queen of Hungary which our prints will acquaint you. I am sorry to tell you that Charles Apthorp has stop'd Jos Greens

Certificates from taking their due Course for the Money Supply'd M<sup>r</sup> Green by Nat Wheelwright — if this matter cannot be Remov'd it will be a heavy Stroke to me. The Instrument is very Strong & I am satisfyed Authentick Enough to Compell any Person (but such Great men as Gen<sup>l</sup> Amherst to fullfill the Contract) & twill be the Greatest hardship for me to Suffer. I should think Charles Apthorp might be soften'd by telling him how matters are Circumstanced — the Real truth is I shall Lose Great part of the value of this Certificate if withheld & I know that Charles will never Let an Old friend Suffer for the Sake of the Contractors, Suppose his Demand be ever so Just you will please to think this as Opportunity presents, & as you find his Pulse Beat, please to Inform mee thereof. My Best Wishes attend you & your Companions to whom my Compliments & Believe me that

I Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

To JACOB ROWE

BOSTON March 1<sup>st</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

I have already answer'd all yours but one at hand for post of the 27<sup>h</sup> Jan'y. Am sorry for the miscarriage of Swathridge, as its a Damage to mee, his Owner Jos. Green is gone off & Considerable in Debt to me, nothing Insur'd on this Vessell. I



have wrote M<sup>r</sup> Weir a few Lines & Inclos'd his Acc<sup>t</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup>. the paying money down for molasses & only 5 pr Cent is a poor affair & I hope he will Remit the Ballance if not already done, as I assure you my Business Requires it. . . . I am Sorry Maj<sup>r</sup> Currie Should make any Difficulty about Trifles, if he dont Chose to Settle it Amiably don't Insist on it.

The Draft you Sent me for 850 Doll<sup>rs</sup> on M<sup>r</sup> Apthorp & Co is very acceptable & shall be Bro<sup>t</sup> to your Credit as you direct. I wish you may move to Montreal as you expect, twill be much better, as I Imagine . . . am Sorry the Last Madeira was Chilly it all came out of one pipe . . .

There is a son born at Holly street, which Sister Molly writes me has Caus'd great Rejoicings, tis Christened John Rowe (Southmead) which is the Gentleman's name that married my Uncles Daughter.

Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph is in a poor way at Chagford Town he has Losst his wife, is in poor Circumstances & cannot pay my Draft on your Acc<sup>t</sup> for the Ballance of the Legacy due to you.

I Beg you'l have a Strict eye over Cap<sup>t</sup> John Malcom who is a Troublesome Fellow & has Behav'd very Ill to me . . . I have no letters from Colo. Burton nor Lieu<sup>t</sup> Roe which I must Admire at. . . . Your Share of the House in England will am<sup>t</sup> to near thirty pounds sterl<sup>s</sup> which I shall Credit you for exact in your Acc<sup>t</sup>. . . . I think I have wrote you fully & shall again Early in the

Spring. all your Friends are well & desire their  
Compliments &c & I Remain

Your very affect<sup>n</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

J ROWE.

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> HILL, LOMAR & HILL

BOSTON March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1761

Gent<sup>m</sup>

The Bearer Cap<sup>t</sup> Proctor being to Return home if he should arrive in Safety with you, I desire you'll Send for him on my Acc<sup>t</sup> on his Return Two pipes of the Best Madeira. Let one of them be of the Pale Sort & the other the Deeper Color pray be Carefull that they are the Best & draw on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth of London for the am<sup>t</sup> & I shall give these Gentlemen Order to Answer your bills for the same, as usual or if that should not Suit you, you may then draw on me here in favour of Bro<sup>r</sup> Inman or any other person & your Draft shall be duly Honoured.

The Last two pipes you sent me were not so good as what I had from you before but Guess it was then owing to the Vintage. These now are order'd for the use of myself & Friends so that you'll be more Care full about them.

My good offices here are at your Commands.

Being Gent<sup>m</sup>, your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

TO MR. DAVID VANHORNE, New York

BOSTON March 31<sup>st</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I Return'd home on Wednesday Last, thank God very well but had a Tedious Journey Occasion'd by having Carriages in Company & Bad Roads — pleas Sir, to accept my Grateful thanks for your Civilitys to me when in New York & I hope M<sup>rs</sup> Vanhorne & Miss Polly will accept my Compliments &c . . . I shall always execute any of your Commands or Friends with Great pleasure & I Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

TO COLLO. WILLIAMSON

BOSTON, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1761

Dear Sir

I Return'd to Boston Last Wednesday after a very Tedious Journey the Rhodes being very bad. Upon my Return I enquir'd for M<sup>r</sup> Joy in Your Service but found him not in Boston so presume he is gone — had any Letters been in the post office I should have taken the Liberty to have opened them according to Your directions.

I have had an oppor<sup>y</sup> to see M<sup>r</sup> Spencer who is at present not able to come out of his Room — he has had his neck open'd by the Surgeons several times occasion'd by a Swelling that has taken place there this matter, I believe, has at present prevented his affair of Matrimony. You'l please Sir, to accept my most Gratefull thanks for your Kind Civilitys

to me at New York & depend ont that Gratitude shall always be the Tenor of my Actions. I shall always esteem Your Commands & shall give Attention thereto when you'l please to honour me with them, being D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON, April 10<sup>h</sup> 1761

Dear Brother

Since my Last of the 1<sup>st</sup> March which I sent under Cares of M<sup>r</sup> Appy via New York, I have your favour of the 20<sup>h</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Feb'y — its not in my power to Send you Either port or Lisbon Wine being none at market at present — you hint to mee that the Molasses affair will be soon Settled which will Certainly Give mee great pleasure as you well know five pr Cent is not equall to advance of money so long. . . . I am but got home from a journey to New York which hinders me from Sending you some things which I imagine would answer well at Quebeck but I shall send you some Beer very soon which will be very Good & the Books you write for, if its possible to get them. John Malcom has Brought his Action against the Underwriters for his Suppos'd Lofs. Wee were credibly told here that he Carried a Frenchman from Quebeck & went ashore at St. Barnabus, there he Traded, by that means Lost his Vessel, if this is true he deviated from his Policy & in Consquence cann't obtain his

demand but if otherways he will be paid — this matter wants to be clear'd up, which you'l do if you can by first opportunity after Receipt of this.

Inclos'd I Send you a Letter for Lieu<sup>t</sup> Roe open which please to Seal & deliver him, you may keep the acc<sup>t</sup> in your hands & if the paymaster of their Regm<sup>t</sup> will draw for Ster<sup>g</sup> money on their Agent in London you may Give a Discharge for the Same. I have Lost more than my Commission for staying so Long out of my money & am determin'd never to engage any more in Such Affairs. Lieu<sup>t</sup> Roe desires it may be settled & I Beg it may be done M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & M<sup>rs</sup> Inman are well & desire to be Remember'd & I Remain, D<sup>r</sup> Bro

Yr Affectionate Friend & very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

BOSTON April 10<sup>h</sup> 1761

TO LIEUT HARRY ROE OF THE 48<sup>th</sup> REGM<sup>t</sup> AT ST.  
ANNE'S NEAR TROY RIVER MIDDLE CANADA

Dear Sir,

I had Your favour of the 5<sup>h</sup> Feb'y — that you mention to have wrote before never came to hand. I am very glad to hear of your Welfare & Health & hope you'l soon enjoy not only the Name but the Advantage of a Captain's Commission. You'l know long before now that General Burton has got a Regem<sup>t</sup> to be form'd from Independant Companies & Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo. Murray is appointed your Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colo.

I am very sorry you Should have occasion to make any Complaint ab<sup>o</sup> the Stock<sup>gs</sup> for Sir James Cockburnes Company, You will Know I Bought them & paid the money & twill be a Great Hardship on me to have after so long a time a Demur about them. I must beg the favour the money may be paid by bill of Exchange drawn by your paymaster on the Agent at home & deliver'd to my Bro<sup>r</sup> who will discharge the same for my acc<sup>t</sup> & send it to me . . . M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>r</sup> Inman & Wife desire their Compliments & I Remain

Your affectionate Friend

& Very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

BOSTON May 4<sup>th</sup> 1761

TO CAP<sup>t</sup> EDW<sup>d</sup> CAHILL LONDON

Dear Sir

I have your favour of the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> now before me & Should have answered it Sooner had not my Business Call'd me to New York which prevented it.

I see you are Great Sufferers in the Insuring Way by the French Privateers, they have not Spar'd mee, having taken Last year Hunters Snow & Jarvis Ship both my Own & Dashwoods Ship One half tho I Really Loose no Great by their being taken, yet tis the Loss of a Good Prospect. . . . I write my Friends Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lane & Booth by this Conveyance to pay you Seventy pounds which I Guess is about what I owe you, if it's more I'll give an

order for it. I thank you for your news, Wee are very fond of it here which you know, therefore Newspapers will be always acceptable. My Business at present is as much as I can well Accomplish & shall not puzzle myself again in any Large Concern of Navigation. All your Friends are well except Good M<sup>rs</sup> Inman who has been in a poor State of Health Sometime. If peace should take place you have some thoughts of paying us a Visit — be Assur<sup>ed</sup> Sir, all Your Friends will be glad to see you, more especially M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & your sincere and affectionate Friend

JOHN ROWE

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON June primo 1761

Dear Brother

I have this post at hand your favours of 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> April also yr<sup>s</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> May pr Cap<sup>t</sup> Hoppes — if Swathridge has sav<sup>d</sup> anything & you or Cap<sup>t</sup> Phillips have the Care Keep it till you hear further from me or M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth. I am very Glad M<sup>r</sup> Wier has sent me the Remittance of £900 Sterlg which I am Convinced he could not do before. Shall be glad of the Remainder as soon as possible

My stay & Bussiness at New York prevented my Sending you Some things but I Intend it at first Leisure . . . I dont know how Affairs will operate at Hollystreet but it seems the Ancient Estate is not to Remain in our Family for which I am very Sorry & if I can prevent it, no money shall be wanting to Carry it into Execution.



I thank you for speaking to Cap<sup>t</sup> Stabo — pray get him to forward the Letter as I advised, twill be of great Service to me & I Cannot well Recover the Demand on the Generall without it. However I will endeavour to find Lieu<sup>t</sup> Hutchins & get one from him.

I finish'd my Bussiness as well as I could expect at New York, though not altogether to my mind. Please take notice that partnerships are sometimes attended with Great Inconvenience, if you can do without a partner I should think it best unless the prospect is very Great. I hope soon to Receive a Letter from you to M<sup>r</sup> Rogers — these Cape Ann Chapps are very Bad & nothing but Law & Goal will suit them. Cap<sup>t</sup> George Darby Commands the Devonshire Man of Warr & is going to Quebeck. I advise you to pay your Compliments to him he is a very good man & Let him know you are my Brother & should he want anything his bills are very good. I am                    y<sup>r</sup> Affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

J R

TO DR W<sup>m</sup> CATHERWOOD

BOSTON July 6 1761

Dear Sir

I have at hand yr favours of 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June pr post & am very much pleas'd your Tour to the Jerseys & Philadelphia was so agreeable & that you Like the Country — pray give my Service to your Companion Major Hamilton & tell him any good office he has to be done in Boston, will be done on

his Commands. I find you are now on a Party of Pleasure, with Colo. Delaney at Springfield. . . . If you go to Long Island to Spend your Summer, I wish you may Spend it to your Content.

We have no certain acc<sup>t</sup> of the full possession of Belle Isle but its Generally Believ'd — The Earl of Egremount, Lord Viscount Stormont & S<sup>r</sup> Phillips York are our Plenipotentiaries at the Congress to be held at the Imperial City of Ausberg. God grant their negotiations may fill the Breast of Brittons with Joy. Tis a mistery to us what Generall Amherst is to do with the ships that have been and are now taken up here. I guess that Matter will be Determin'd at the arrival of the packet which was to depar<sup>t</sup> from Falmouth ab<sup>o</sup> the 20<sup>h</sup> May so that she may be in New York by the time this Reaches.

I made your Compliments Acceptable to Colo Vassall who is our Sundays man, where your Company will always be thought a pleasure. I also made your Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Amiel, also M<sup>rs</sup> Newton who has the pleasure of her husband just arriv'd from Quebeck, which I guess will be very agreeable after five months absence.

Poor B. Barrons the Collector is Suspend'd by that Old Fogrum Letchmere, the most Malicious thing that perhaps ever was done. I have no Occasions to tell you, whence this arrives. The poor man is not only destitute of £600 Sterlg pr anum but his peace of mind is Broke & his health much Impair'd, he is now Selling all his goods & bound home again to get Restor'd & I assure

you no Reason of Consequence given for Suspending him.

I must now be a Little More Serious, being very sorry to tell you that Last Tuesday died Good M<sup>rs</sup> Inman to the Inexpressible Grief of Her Husband, as also her Sister M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe & I can venture to say, I Greatly Lament her as a good woman & Friend — but tis the Road we all must go sooner or later & therefore we must Content our Selves.

It will always give me pleasure to hear from you & any Commands will always be taken care off — by D<sup>r</sup> Sir,

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

My Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Wallace

Vessell arriv'd Yesterday in five weeks from England, brings no acc<sup>t</sup> of the arrival of M<sup>r</sup> Saul. I hope he is not gone to learn French.

TO THE SAME

Boston July 27<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I should have answer'd your favour on the 13<sup>th</sup> Curr<sup>t</sup> but was out of Town — the Two Trunks & Bedding &c shall be sent pr the True Briton Cap<sup>t</sup> Searl & they shall be Directed to the Care of Our Friend M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Wallace, the Charges thereon shall let you know I am oblig'd to you for your Good Offices to Major Hamilton and Oliver Delaney & am

Glad to hear the Pittsburgh affair is not to be depended On. M<sup>r</sup> Barrows is Like to be a Sacrifice to the Resentmen<sup>t</sup> of Old Fogrum & I cannot yet prevail on him to buckle too. I Pity him — but tis some Measure his own Fault . . . M<sup>r</sup> Inman Bears his Loss with fortitude & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe seems more easy than I could expect. She is well & desires her Compliments The Packett is not come yet therefore I Conclude all things are at a stand. Hancock is still taking up Transports to send round to York — pray give my Service to Cap<sup>t</sup> McKay, also to Colo. Elliot & Lady, I should have sent Colo Eliot some Wine for his Journey, but M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe. being at that time at M<sup>r</sup> Inmans with her Sister who was very Ill, prevented it, which I hope he will excuse. If you go to Harlum, I hope you'l Spend your time Agreeable to your desire — M<sup>r</sup> Jonge is not yet married to Miss Cottnam but is to be very soon. Elliot of the Royal has taken a Tripp to Hampton with Byard's youngest Daughter & is married. Burns of the 48<sup>th</sup> has done the Same with Miss Hicks of Salem, he has ab<sup>o</sup> fifteen hundred pounds Sterlg. I shall take care of your Machine that you left with Dr Crosier & Send it with the other things. Meantime, I Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sir, &c

JOHN ROWE

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON July 24<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

I have already wrote you for this day pr this Conveyance, to which I refer you M<sup>r</sup> Perry has this

Instant dld me your Letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> June. Your Draft for 150 Dollars I will pay him to Oblige you & I hope your New Affair with M<sup>r</sup> Walker may turn out to your Satisfaction, as it will be a pleasure to me always to hear of your Welfare. I make no doubt but you will Reimburse me at your Return

I deliver'd your Letter to M<sup>r</sup> Tasker & forwarded both them to Cape Ann. I expect Daniel Rogers in Town in a day or two when I shall settle with him — that affair of the Warehouse is a perplext one & will be attended with some Trouble & Charge.

We have lately Buried poor M<sup>rs</sup> Inman therefore you may Judge of the Distress of him & her Sister & I am not a Little Troubled — it is a great Loss. The Inclos'd is from Exeter & your sister Mary was well ab<sup>o</sup> six weeks ago.

You'l please to give my Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Walker your partner, any services I can do you here, shall be done with pleasure.

I remain, Your affectionate Brother

JOHN ROWE.

TO HENRY NEWTON ESQ<sup>r</sup>

BOSTON Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yesterday I Rec'd both your Letters of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>. I am oblig'd to you for your Regards for me & am glad you think I did as every Man ought to do in your Situation but no Arguments or Reason will turn a Hog from Running forward.

I have according to your Request p<sup>d</sup> your good Mother eighty Dollars. . . . I will at all times Send you anything you order from hence, that I can get here & shall be very glad to Continue our friendship. M<sup>r</sup> Amiel is soon going abroad. I think his Prospect is good, if the providence Privateers do but Let him go in the Right path.

I am on all Occasions, Dr Sir,

Your Friend & very hum Serv'

JOHN ROWE

TO JACOB ROWE

BOSTON Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Brother

Since the foregoing am favor'd with yours of 8<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>d</sup> July & Sept. As to Brandy it will fetch here a Dollar pr Gallon but if you Send any, it must be Regularly clear'd—as to M<sup>r</sup> Roe's Behaviour, its not only Unjust but Cruel & Neglectfull, however as he is now at New York, I'll get him if possible to settle it there. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is well pleas'd with your present but it happen'd to Come just at the Death of her Sister which was Something Unlucky. . . . I am very glad to hear you are to Remain in the Victualling Office, I assure you it gives me pleasure. I take notice what you say ab<sup>o</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup> William's affairs—as I have given them Gent<sup>m</sup> he Liv'd with, a Smart Letter, I guess they'll be silent on his affairs in future. . . . tis very surprizing Cap<sup>t</sup> Phillips has not transmitted Swathridge's Acc<sup>t</sup> I Cannot Recover the Insurance on him with<sup>o</sup>

it all but I shall Run the Risque & Transmit you Mr Wiers Acc<sup>t</sup> in my Next.

Our Sister Molly was well ab<sup>o</sup> ten months [weeks?] ago & so was all the Rest of the Family.

Let me hear from you as often as Possible which will Oblige, D<sup>r</sup> Brother

Yours affectionately

TO THOS. SAUL ESQ<sup>r</sup>

BOSTON, Oct 20<sup>h</sup> 1761

Dear Sir

I have but just Receiv'd your Letter of the 6<sup>h</sup> June, am glad to hear you were so Lucky to get home Safe — thank you for your advices about Belle Isle etc. I think the British Arms have made a great figure this year which I Conclude will bring on the peace Quicker than expected. I wish M<sup>r</sup> Pitt &c may hold their Resolution & keep all North America — the Settlement of Nova Scotia goes on very fast & its my Opinion they'll have as much a share in the fishery of America as any other of the provinces & Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> McKay of the 40<sup>h</sup> is Major of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battallion of Royal Americans Dr Catherwood was very well two posts since Twelve Regiments are encamp'd on Stattin Island — the troops are very Healthy & no person knows the Intention of the General.

You will not be disappointed when I tell you that M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Barrons is again suspended by M<sup>r</sup> Letchmere, tis a Cruel hardship on him, I dont speak as a party man, but Really as I think. You



will make use of this Intelligence if you Continue your Design of trying for that Birth. Colo Vassall & all Friends & Acquaintances are very well & have desired me to make their Compliments acceptable to You. I Assure you your good & Friendly offices to me shall always & on all Occasions of Service be Sincerely Remember'd

by D<sup>r</sup> Sir,

Your most hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

BOSTON Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1761

TO COLO JEDEDIAH PREBLE AT FALMOUTH [PORTLAND]

Sir

I have now before me your Letter of the 22<sup>n</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> Last. When I wrote you my Last Letter I did it out of Good will to you & did not know in what manner to tell you of it without & am fully Sensible you never Intended anything & which the Commisary I believe is fully Convinced off. I shall at all times Render you any Service in my power & had I known of your Vessells Proceeding to Philadelphia I should have given some Freight but I had promis'd same to your Son before also some to Another Friend therefore you'l Excuse it this time.<sup>1</sup>

I am Sir, your very hum<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

<sup>1</sup> Jedediah Preble, second, and Jacob Rowe afterwards married sisters Avis & Penelope Phillips, daughters of Captain John and Anne (Engs) Phillips.

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> LANE & BOOTH  
Gen<sup>l</sup>

BOSTON Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1761

I must again Request your Attention with the Comm<sup>r</sup> of his Majesty's Navy Respecting the Loss of the Hunter Sloop, Cap<sup>t</sup> Annis, for its out of my power to get the Master try'd by a Court Martial, he is gone from this place & where to find him at present I dont know & even if he was here, there are no Men of Warr nor Officers to Compose a Court Martial & I have try'd all possible means to get him here to go to Hallifax, but to no Effect, therefore I must desire you make another application to the Commissioners of the Navy & I dare say they must get over the Ceremony of Court Martial especially as I have found Cap<sup>t</sup> Stobo at New York who was Passenger on Board him at that time going Express from Generall Wolf to Generall Amherst & I inclose you his Certificate of his Behaviour which Corresponds with his Protest, therefore as this is all the Proof I Can Come at, I hope the Commissioners will not delay the payment Longer. I am on all Occasions Gen<sup>l</sup>

your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

#### CERTIFICATE OF CAP<sup>T</sup> ROB<sup>T</sup> STOBO

These are to Certify all whom it may Concern that I Robert Stobo, Captain in his Majesty's Fifteenth Regiment of Foot, Came Passenger with Cap<sup>t</sup> Annis in the Sloop Hunter from Quebeck

Express from General Wolfe to General Amherst,  
that on the Passage we were taken by some French  
Cruisers & Carried into Beaver Harbour from  
thence we came to Hallifax & that said Captain  
Annis did all he Con'd to Keep Clear & Defend  
said Sloop from being taken. Given under my  
hand in the Camp on Stattin Island

this 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1761

ROB<sup>r</sup> STOBO

To M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> ROBINS

Boston Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup> & Sister

I have your Letters of the 26<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Last & find you had mine with One Inclos'd for  
Sister Tolcher—I did not mean to purchase an  
Estate from Uncle John, all my view was, to pay  
any Sum he might have Engag'd his Estate  
for to his present Wife, In order to preserve his  
Engagements & not let the Ancient Estate go out  
of the Family Channell, but if this Cannot be done  
Let it Rest as it shall please him.

I am sorry to find Bro<sup>r</sup> Joseph's Affairs so En-  
cumber'd, Let me know what he has Left Unsold  
& the value he puts upon his Estate & I then Shall  
be some Judge of his Designs & what his Intentions  
are, whether he will dispose of them or not.

I have always thought of paying you a Visit but  
M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe will not Consent to it & therefore I dont  
at present expect it. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Returns her thanks

to M<sup>r</sup> Tolcher & Spouse for Remembering her & I shall write them very soon.<sup>1</sup>

If it should come peaceable terms I may venture to give you a Small order in your way but my warehouse is at present overstock'd with all Sorts of English goods so that I must at present defer it. I am sorry for the Misfortune of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Rowe & more so for his wife, who I was personally acquainted with. I Cannot venture to give him any Encouragement, please to give My Service to him & tell him, I would do him any Service or good Office in my power, but I Cannot pretend to Recommed him without being acquainted with his Abilitys. the Letter he Sent me is very Modest & humble, but tis Impossible as I have said above, to make an Agreement unless he was on the spott & that is a matter to him so uncertain that I should think he had better attempt some Employment among his Friends at home than come abroad.

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe is very well & so am I but we have Lately Lost M<sup>rs</sup> Inman who was Sister to my wife & the Loss is very great, being without any Exaggeration, a very good & Valuable Woman, therefore the Loss so much the Heavier; this is the tryall we all must Bear, but the Loss of a Valuable Friend & Relation sits Heavier, than a stranger Can well Imagine.

Pray Remember me to Aunt Bennet & Family &

<sup>1</sup> Probably the naming of their infant daughter Hannah for Mrs. Rowe.

all other Enquiring Friends & be assured that I  
Remain

D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup> & Sister

Your most affection Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

To JOSEPH WOODMASS ESQ<sup>R</sup>      BOSTON Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have already wrote you by this Conveyance to which I Crave Reference & is the Answer to Your favour of the 4<sup>th</sup>. I am now to answer Your favour of the 19<sup>th</sup> Deliver'd me this Minute by Cap<sup>t</sup> Debege who arriv'd very Luckily Yesterday. for Last Night we have had a Violent Gale of wind, the Hardest I ever heard. a good Deal of Damage is done at the wharfs, Many Chimneys, Barns Fences &c are blown down, I am afraid of the Consequences at Sea, which at present we Can Only Judge ab<sup>o</sup>

I shall pay your bill to M<sup>r</sup> pantree for 300 Dollars, also your Letter of Creditt to Cap<sup>t</sup> Hays in favour of M<sup>r</sup> William Vance. . . .

I am, D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Yr Very hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

TO LIEU<sup>T</sup> ROEBOSTON Oct 26<sup>h</sup> 1761M<sup>r</sup> Roe

Sir

I have Repeated Letters from M<sup>r</sup> Vanhorne advising me you want to throw the goods Left at Quebeck on my hands, I protest I Could not have thought you Could have Attempted such a thought. You tell M<sup>r</sup> Vanhorne that you never see the goods that was put up for you, pray Sir, Recollect Your memory — was not these goods shipt in your sight in the true Britton, Cap<sup>t</sup> Searle, was they not by your Order put in the Ship Loose & in a Careless Manner & the Reason You Alledged for it was because he could not stow away the same in Casks — did not you then proceed to sea & after having foul weather Return back again in three or four weeks — was not the goods Brought again to my store Loose, was not some of them Missing & some of them Damaged, how can you be so unjust as to say you never saw them.

Pray M<sup>r</sup> Roe have a Little more Care of your Reputation, I must say I did not expect such Treatment from you, as I took much pains to serve & Oblige you.

Cap<sup>t</sup> Nickolls told me you were willing to pay my demand when Call'd for, I am very sorry to find you have not done it, I must therefore Insist on your doing it, which will very much oblige.

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

FROM LIEU<sup>T</sup> ROE18<sup>th</sup> Aug 1761D<sup>r</sup> Sir

After a Long tedious Passage of 50 days we Arrived here (Quebeck) safe, but to Our no small Mortification, found that all the Troops that could be spared from the Garrison were form'd into Two Grand Divisions & had gone up the River a week before we Arriv'd, the first under the Command of Brigga<sup>dr</sup> Burton, the Second, Murray, all the Parishes on the South Shore come into them, take the Oaths & Lay down their Arms; 14 Days ago, the first Division pass'd Three Rivers, the Second Immediately Followed. Lord Rollo has since come up with Murray & the Troops from Louisburg — from our Last Acc<sup>ts</sup> they were at Anchor at Isle a Issee (?) waiting a wind to carry them up to M<sup>t</sup> Leal — they have a Noble Train of Artillery tho' the British Lyon Receiv'd his Drabing on the Twenty Eight of April, yet he has Recover'd his Spirits & declares he'll never Couch to a disorderly Peasantry, unless they Ambuscade him, because the third time, our Troops are as eager for Battles as ever. A Market is established here to which the french bring in what the Country round produces & receive in Return, bread, beef flour & Salt. The English Merch<sup>ts</sup> here are not Admitted to trade as yet with the french. Your Bro<sup>r</sup> I have enquir'd after, he is well but up the River — our paymaster was Gone up before wee arriv'd, which Occasions my want of Bills for Am<sup>t</sup> of your Sum. I expect him shortly when I shall remit you. In my next to



you I shall give you an Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Compleat Conquest of Canada, I hope so — pray Present my best Compliments to M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe, M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Inman & .

I am, D<sup>r</sup> Sir  
Your Very hum<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. ROE

To M<sup>r</sup> PETER HUBBERT

BOSTON Nov<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1761

Dr Sir

On the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant I wrote you in Answer to yours pr post, since which have got Insurance on Cap<sup>t</sup> Telighman for £475 a 6 pr Cent — he is now at Martins (?) Vineyard after having met with Very hard Gales of wind and had a Passage there upwards of 30 Days. I Rec'd a Letter from him this morning, he has lost his Bowsprit & says he is afraid some of his Cargoe is damag'd. There are upwards of 40 Sail of Vessells at the Vineyard now waiting for a wind to Come Round You may depend ont I shall always Consider your Interest as my Own

I am &c

To JOSEPH WOODMASS ESQ

BOSTON Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

. . . I now Inclose you a Letter for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Belcher which I have from Andrew Oliver Esq<sup>r</sup> Secretary of Our Province & in it is Inclos'd a

Mediterranean Pass No 2163 Sign'd by the three Lords of the Admiralty Namely Anson, Hunter & Forbes which I have Sign'd a Rec' for, which you must deliver to the Lieu' Govr" & get him to give you a Receipt, which you'l please Transmit to me here that I may Cancell my Rec' or otherways desire his Honour to Signify by Letter to our Secretary above nam'd that he has Rec'd it . . . This is a favour done for me & I hope its for Your Self or a particular Friend as I was Oblig'd to make Interest therefore — the other Necessary papers are Inclos'd with the Mediterranean. . . .

TO HENRY NEWTON

BOSTON Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1761

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have now before me Your favour of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> & have wrote my Friend at Marblehead to purchase me three Quarter Casks of Lisbon, none is to be had in Boston — when I get them come to hand, I will sent you two of them & the other one shall be sent to your good Mother who is very well.

I have Order'd my Friend at Roxbury to Look out for Venison & had one hind Quarter purchas'd but was Oblig'd to make use of it, as the wind & weather has been so wet & damp that twas time it should be Eat.

I am with much Esteem

TO M<sup>R</sup> BANNISTER.BOSTON, Dec 7<sup>h</sup> 1761D<sup>r</sup> Sir

In the first place you'l give me Leave to Return your many thanks for your Civilityes at Rhode Island, but I acknowledge you'l say with good Reason, I should have done it before, hope you'l Excuse it &c. I now Inclose you a Coppy of the Invoice of M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup> Booth's Bed which I assure you is a very Good One & in good order & am sure twill please M<sup>rs</sup> Bannister to whom please to give my Compliments. We are very well & M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Joyns with me, with best Respects &c

I Remain D<sup>r</sup> SirYour most hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

BOSTON Dec 7<sup>h</sup> 1761TO M<sup>r</sup> DAVID VANHORNE AT NEW YORKD<sup>r</sup> Sir

I Return you many thanks for your Endeavours to get me Justice done with M<sup>r</sup> Roe I hope that Spark may yet in some part or other of the world be still Obliged to do me Justice. Be so kind as to send me M<sup>r</sup> Roe's Original on his Acc<sup>t</sup> & the Letter he wrote me from Quebeck. He says that his friends in New York would pay what he design'd to, has he Left any Order with any person or was it Only a put off. I should be glad to know who he made his Correspondent at New York & whether he left any such orders or not. I have given Joseph

Greenleaf's note of hand to M<sup>r</sup> Otis the Lawyer who will put it in Suit as you have Order'd

I Remain, D<sup>r</sup> Sir

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BOSTON Dec 20<sup>h</sup> 1761

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH LONDON

Gent<sup>l</sup>

. . . If Mess<sup>rs</sup> Quarrells don't pay the Ballance of my Acc<sup>t</sup> as its stated, you may let them know, I'll try it here where the proofs are & this they may depend on if it's not settled by your Next Answer, for my own Part I Cannot tell what they mean by such Shuffling . . . I am very sorry for Edw<sup>l</sup> Quincy's detention at Bayonne as a Ransomer for the Ship Prince George, as to Cap<sup>t</sup> Blake if he does suffer he may thank himself for it—it seems to me that the Gentlemen Concern'd might get that Ransom Settled without making so much difficulty. We dont know how or in what Situation it Stands as there are no Letters from the Company of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Kilby Barnard & Parker who were the Principall Shippers . . . I wish you the Compliments of the Ensuing Season & Remain with Sincere Regards,  
D<sup>r</sup> Sirs

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

TO JAMES OTIS ESQ

BOSTON, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 1761

Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Perez Tillson & he tells me that by your advice you have Brought a Writ in my name against Colo. Doty & him & he desires it may be carried on. I have no Objection to it provided it does not Interfere with my Design of M<sup>r</sup> Tillson, that can be unjust, if Colo. Doty is Oblig'd to pay one half the Debt that's due me. I dont see any Reason that he should not but whether he's Oblig'd or not M<sup>r</sup> Tillson best knows & if the action should fail he must Endemnify me for the Charges

I shall always Render you any Service in my Power  
& Remain your hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. ROWE.

TO M<sup>R</sup> JOHN AMIELBOSTON Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 1761D<sup>r</sup> Sir

We have several of your Letters & are Glad to hear of your Safe Arrival & dare say you'l do the best you can for our Interests. We are very glad you have made a good Sale of the Cargo & we shall Insure the Briggatine home again but we hope She will arrive Safe that we may have an Opportunity to Return her to you. You may depend upon our pursuing your Schooner provided it becomes a Peace which will be very soon or otherways a Spanish Warr but I hope the first will take place. M<sup>rs</sup> Amiel is in Good Health as are all the Family.

Coll<sup>o</sup> Inman Joynes in Compliments & I Remain in  
Behalf of M<sup>r</sup> Erwin & myself, Sir

Your very hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

If it should be a peace we shall get the Schooner  
you propose built on Purpose for that Trade.  
There's now no Risque from the providence priva-  
teers they are all call'd in from molesting the Mount  
Trade

TO HENRY NEWTON ESQ<sup>r</sup>

BOSTON Feby 13<sup>th</sup> 1762

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

... I have p<sup>d</sup> your Good Mama Newton one  
pound five shillings & 4<sup>d</sup> that she p<sup>d</sup> for Postage  
for your Acc<sup>t</sup>

I Congratulate you on the Good Success of your  
Bro<sup>r</sup> Thomas. I spent the Last Evening with M<sup>rs</sup>  
Amiel & the Old Lady. M<sup>rs</sup> Amiel will very soon,  
I believe make another addition to your Family.  
The Last news from England seems to portend a  
Spanish Warr which will be no Service at present to  
this part of America, should it take place. Any  
further Commands Shall Always be executed with  
great pleasure by D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

TO MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH  
Gent<sup>n</sup>

BOSTON Feb<sup>y</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1762

... I am not surprised at your prudence in Stopping your progress in Shipping so very Largely, therefore I am of a different Opinion from some Sanguine people among us & that is, that the Trade here, especially Last year, had not been Greatly overdrawn. I must think Otherways & you form some Judgment by your Remittances . . .

I am sorry to see a paragraph of your Letter to our friend Tho<sup>s</sup> Green, Relating to the Dispute between M<sup>r</sup> Letchmere & M<sup>r</sup> Barrons, it gives great Uneasiness to most of us to See the Usage & art, has been made use off to destroy, I must say, an honest man, however, I find truth & virtue cannot withstand the force of Power. Wee find the Merch<sup>ts</sup> have been pretty Roughly handled in a Representation from our Governour, as you have a Letter from our Committee you'l be able to form a Judgment from it, however, I shall Esteem it a favour you'l do what's necessary to Support our Reputation & Lett me add to get a Coppy of the Governours Representation I Remain

with Esteem Gent<sup>n</sup>

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TO JACOB ROWE  
D<sup>r</sup> Bro<sup>r</sup>

BOSTON March 29<sup>th</sup> 1762

This day is come to hand yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb'y with your Acc<sup>t</sup> of what has passed between us Since



your Residence at Quebeck which I will Examine & if Right will note in Conformity. . . . Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibbs Our Mutual Friend died Suddenly about Ten days past. I dont Send your Acc<sup>t</sup> till my Next as I Cannot tell how Matters Stand at Cape Ann & Nothing will do but Employing a Lawyer, no purchase, no pay. As its now Warr with Spain I presume you'l not have Leave of Departure for Some Time & as your Situation at Quebeck Seems to be so much to your Advantage I think your Own Prudence will determine you to Stay as Long as you Can. It gives me great Pleasure to Find M<sup>r</sup> Murray is your Friend. You will for your Own Reputation cultivate it & by no means trouble your Self in any disputes that may happen. As you purpose to go into Business with what you have Acquir'd, Let me give you this Advice, give as Little Credit as Possible.

Our Friend M<sup>r</sup> Tudor is dead & M<sup>r</sup> Freeman has given a bill on you for His Ballance which also please to send pr First Opportunity. . . .

M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe Joyns with me in our Wishes for your further Success & I Remain, D<sup>r</sup> Jacob

Your affectionate Bro<sup>r</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

TO DR CATHERWOOD

BOSTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1762

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I had a Letter from our Friend Dick Willtshire, who tells me you were well & severall of my Friends

& tis great Joy to most of us that the Reduction of Martinico was Accomplish'd in so Little time & so few men Lost. I send you by the Opportunity a Letter from Our Friend Woodmass which was destin'd to Reach you at New York. I had a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Saul per Last Packett, he mentions nothing of seeing New England again. Hurd is expected in a Ship from London by whom I shall hear further from him. Yesterday Arriv'd a Vessell from Bristol, the Captain says Admiral Saunders has taken a Galloon worth half a Million, which is Confirm'd.

The Empress of Russia is Dead.

The Spaniards were Marching Three Armies in Three Divisions into the Kingdom of Portugall because the Portugese would not declare Warr against England & the Portugese have made a Demand of Twelve Thousand Land Forces & Twenty Sail — Men of Warr, from us for their Defense. This is a piece of Policy of our Friends The French who think themselves Ill Treated by our not Complying with their Terms of Peace &c The Certificate you got me from Cap<sup>t</sup> Stobo has had the Desired Effect. . . .

You'll be Kind enough to Remember me to all our Friends & believe me that I shall always be Glad to hear from you & of your welfare &

I Remain D<sup>r</sup> Sir,

Y<sup>r</sup> very hum<sup>b</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> LANE & BOOTHBOSTON April 6<sup>th</sup> 1762Gen<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>

... The Sudden & Unexpected News of the Spanish Warr has Alarm'd Us here & the Fishery will not go with the Same Spirit as before & we that have Large Demands on the Shoreman must make the Best Settlement we Can. the West Indies will take of Large Quantities, & a great deal more than Usual Since Martinico is in our Hands — the Grenadas, St Lucia St Vincent must of Consequence Submit. . . . I have made your Sentiments known to my Friends in the Fish Way & hope they'll Follow your Advice, tis Certainly the most prudent Way. I Remain with Sincere Esteem

Gent<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>BOSTON April 9<sup>th</sup> 1762TO M<sup>R</sup> JOHN INSTROW & Co

Sirs

... Your Demand on the Court of Admiralty is Still Unsettled Occasioned by Andr<sup>w</sup> Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> the Register being now Sick & has been ever Since I had your Demand. As soon as he gets abroad, I shall get it settled . . .

I am Gent<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>

BOSTON April 10<sup>th</sup> 1762TO M<sup>R</sup> RICHARD WILLTSHIRE, BARBADOESD<sup>R</sup> Sir

I am Much Oblig'd to you for your Letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> Feb'y & more particularly of your Acc<sup>t</sup> of Martinico which turns out pretty near as the General has wrote. I should have been Glad to have Embraced the Opportunity to send you a Vessell but did not think Convenient to Engage in any Further Concern in Navigation especially as the Spaniards have had Independence enough to Cause a Delaration against them & 'tis very probable they'll Repent of it.

Our Navy is now so well train'd to Conquer that it seems very few of their Navigation can Escape us. I am very glad that M<sup>rs</sup> Willtshire has got her health again at Bristol. M<sup>r</sup> Inman is well & desires his Compliments as does M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe.

The Last News from England brings Advice of the Empress of Russia being dead which is presun'd will favour the King of Prussia. Seems as tis said, the Empress pursued her measures out of some personal Pique Shewn her by the King of Prussia & the Duke of Hollstein has always favour'd him as far as prudence would Admit.

Admiral Saunders has taken a Spanish Galloon bound into Cadiz.

The King of Spain seems to take his Revenge by Invading Portugall, this if it takes Effect will stop Large sums of Money being sent to England as usual & when money begins to be scarce in England

twill be Difficult to maintain so Large a Body of Troops in Germany as are now in the pay of Great Britton, however the House of Commons promises to Support His Majesty & tho, M<sup>r</sup> Pitt does not Publickly act, yet the Politicians Say his Schemes are pursued. If at any time I can serve you here I shall do it with pleasure, being with sincere Esteem D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE.

BOSTON April 7<sup>th</sup> 1762

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> MAYNE, BOWEN & MAYNE LISBON

Gen<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>

. . . The Spaniards having publish'd such a Manifesto has Caus'd the Court of Great Brittain very justly to declare against them & I dont at all doubt but we shall make them Repent of their Insolence. Martinico is now in Possession of the English & the Troops that are now in America, may Easily Conquer Hispaniola which if the Ministers should give Attention too, may make the Spaniards a little humbler. Whenever I see an Opportunity, I shall Venture a Cargo to Lisbon but at present there is a poor prospect. I Remain, Gent<sup>l</sup><sup>m</sup>

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BOSTON April 7<sup>th</sup> 1762

TO MESS<sup>RS</sup> LANE & BOOTH

GENL<sup>m</sup>

. . . M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe begs the favour you'll procure her One doz<sup>n</sup> of Common Table Cloths, Two pounds of

Green Tea & Four Pair of Black Calamanco Pumps, the Same as the Last you sent from Ridout & Davis & Two pcs of Sheeting of a Middling Price, not very fine nor very Coarse. . . . I Remain, with much Esteem

Gent<sup>m</sup>

Yr very true Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

BOSTON April 27<sup>th</sup> 1762

TO CAP<sup>T</sup> JOSEPH DOMMETT

Sir

Yesterday Our Government Laid an Embargo on all Provisions & Gunpowder, which we thought proper to Advise you off that you may Regulate the Sales of your Cargo. . . .

Your Wife & Family are all Well

We are your very hum Serv<sup>ts</sup>

JOHN ROWE & CO

(HENRY BROMFIELD)

TO HENRY NEWTON ESQ<sup>R</sup>

BOSTON May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1762

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

. . . I fancy the Spaniards will Repent their precipitate Engagement with the French which has been the Means of us Breaking with them & the English Nation, I believe, was Right to Resent their Behaviour.

Admiral Peacock is certainly arrivd at Barbadoes with Lord Albermale & Six Thousand Troops, they are to take a Number more from Martinico with the ships that can be spar'd to proceed to Havanna. As Havanna or Cuba is a Healthy Island, the Troops will not Run the Risque of the West Indies this Summer & Exercise will help their Health. Your Mamma & M<sup>rs</sup> Amiel & Family are well — the Spanish Warr has Broke up M<sup>r</sup> Amiel's prospects at Monte Christo which I believe would have been very Beneficial. M<sup>rs</sup> Rowe desires her Respects to you & M<sup>rs</sup> Newton & I Remain on all Occasions, D<sup>r</sup> Sir

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE

One of M<sup>r</sup> Pococks Fleet took in her Passage out to Barbadoes a French East Indiaman homeward Bound, very Rich

MESS<sup>rs</sup> LANE & BOOTH

BOSTON May 30<sup>th</sup> 1761

Gent<sup>m</sup>

I have just time to tell you your favours of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>h</sup> March have this day been delivered me pr Roger Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> our New Collector. Your Recommendation of him to me I much Esteem. I shall make it my Study to Show him any Civility I am Capable of & also do him any Good Offices in my Power. . . .

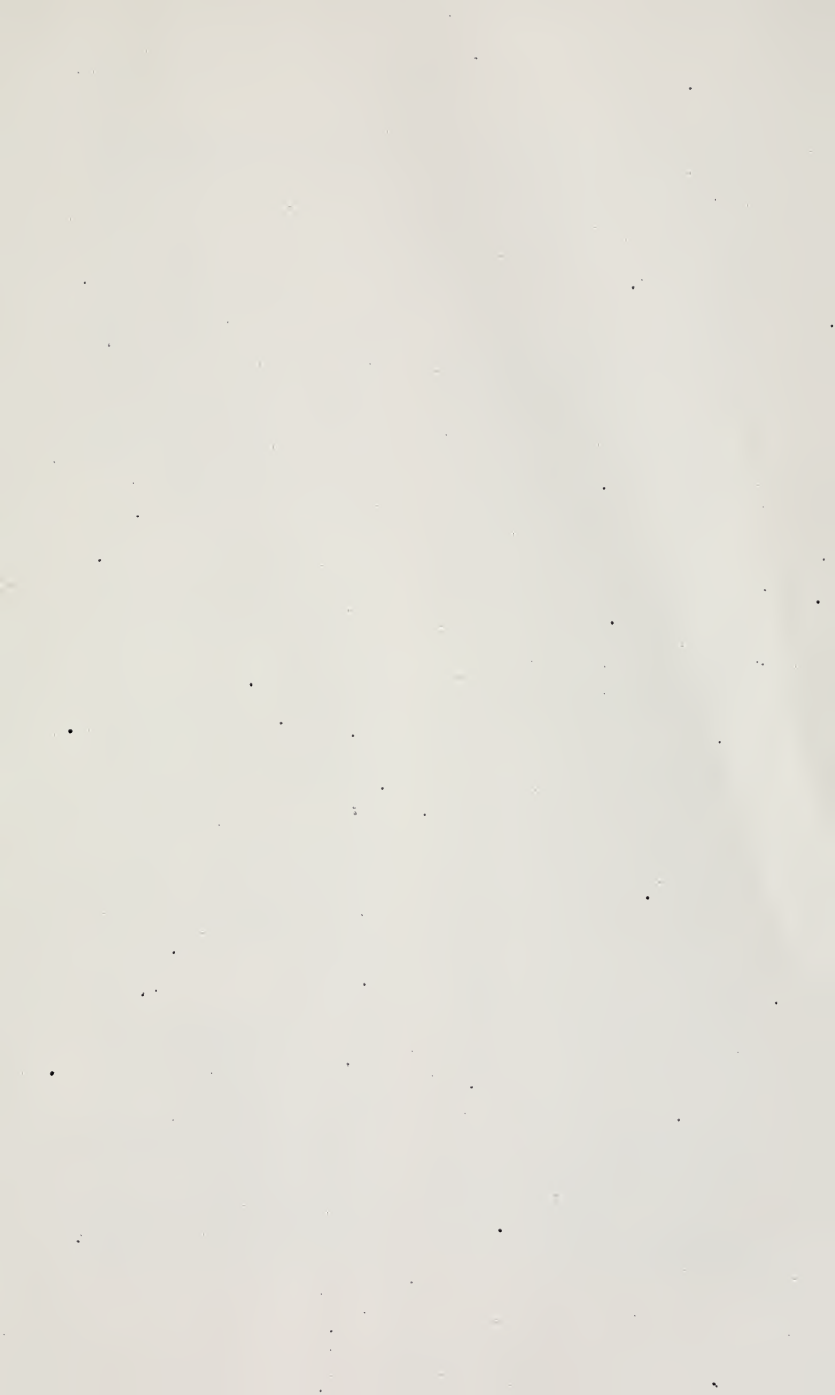


I have wrote my Bro<sup>r</sup> Jacob to forward the Certificate wanted for the half to you & hope with your Application & mine, he will accomplish it to the end desired. . . .

Gen<sup>l</sup>

Your very hum Serv<sup>t</sup>

JOHN ROWE



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